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MERIDIAN LODGE NO. 140:

W. Bro. D. MacKay.....M.

M.W. Bro. J. T. Boyd

R.W. Bro. Hugh Mackenzie

V.W. Bro. W. S. Williams

W. Bro. D. A. King

W. Bro. A. A. Reid

W. Bro. A. T. Woolston

TUSCAN LODGE NO. 141:

W. Bro. R. J. Clark.....M.

W. Bro. J. J. Allen

Bro. T. Crossley.....S.W.

W. Bro. Norman Code

Bro. F. C. Nixon....J.W.

W. Bro. W. Hale

W. Bro. John McKenzie

W. Bro. Geo. H. Parker

W. Bro. N. Rotshtein

W. Bro. A. R. Simpson

MT. SINAI LODGE NO. 143:

W. Bro. J. S. Perlman.....M.

R.W. Bro. S. Hart Green

Bro. Sol. Frank.....S.W.

V.W. Bro. C. J. Bermaek

Bro. F. B. Dubinsky..J.W.

W. Bro. A. J. Blond

W. Bro. J. Fred

W. Bro. H. Genaske

W. Bro. I. J. Goldstine

W. Bro. Earo Haid

W. Bro. Wm. Leonoff

W. Bro. J. L. Rill

W. Bro. L. A. Seipp

W. Bro. A. E. Weidman

FORT OSBORNE LODGE NO. 144:

W. Bro. E. D. Chable.....M.

R.W. Bro. S. A. Wood

Bro. D. McKenzie....S.W.

W. Bro. David Harriman

Bro. E. D. W. Smith..J.W.

W. Bro. J. V. Jonasson

STURGEON CREEK LODGE NO. 145:

W. Bro. W. H. Batchelor...M.

R.W. Bro. T. Stockdale

Bro. N. McIntoshS.W.

W. Bro. D. A. Best

W. Bro. A. C. B. Stewart

W. Bro. Geo. W. Zachary

FIDELITY LODGE NO. 146:

W. Bro. D. Burnside.....M.

R.W. Bro. J. J. Sinclair

Bro. F. H. Williams..S.W.

W. Bro. Geo. Florence

Bro. S. C. Swanton...J.W.

W. Bro. R. C. Kirk

W. Bro. N. B. MacTaggart
 W. Bro. A. Sandilands
 W. Bro. E. J. Vickery

JUBILEE LODGE NO. 147:

Bro. N. A. Brown....S.W.
 Bro. M. R. Fargey....J.W.

W. Bro. W. J. Brown
 W. Bro. K. W. Heaps
 W. Bro. J. D. Houston
 W. Bro. Dr. J. Onhauser
 W. Bro. R. T. White

SEVEN OAKS LODGE NO. 148:

W. Bro. Geo. McBain.....M.
 Bro. A. Collicutt.....S.W.

R.W. Bro. F. W. Brownell
 W. Bro. H. A. Chowne
 W. Bro. Jas. Love
 W. Bro. Malcolm McDonald
 W. Bro. A. C. Pritchard
 W. Bro. S. J. Scott

CARTWRIGHT LODGE NO. 150:

W. Bro. L. H. RichardsM.

W. Bro. A. B. Fee
 W. Bro. W. H. Newton

THE DORMER LODGE NO. 151:

W. Bro. D. F. S. Reid.....M.
 Bro. Sydney Smith....S.W.

R.W. Bro. Rev. H. Sherstone
 V.W. Bro. Jas. Buchan
 W. Bro. J. Elder
 W. Bro. A. E. Longstaffe
 W. Bro. F. Redgwell
 W. Bro. R. W. Ross

FOXWARREN LODGE NO. 152:

W. Bro. F. W. Tammadge

FLIN FLON LODGE NO. 153:

W. Bro. E. E. Foster
 W. Bro. R. S. Jones

PINE FALLS LODGE NO. 154:

W. Bro. Geo. Dawson.....M.

W. Bro. Wm. Bird
 W. Bro. E. J. Kahle
 W. Bro. E. F. Tanner

CARMAN LODGE NO. 155:

W. Bro. W. M. Duncan.....M.
 Bro. M. Dorfman.....J.W.

R.W. Bro. N. R. Pickell
 W. Bro. Wm. Reid

MANITOUWAPA LODGE NO. 156:

W. Bro. Thos. Gelmon

OPENING OF GRAND LODGE

The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Bro. J. J. Henderson, accompanied by Past Grand Masters, and Grand Lodge Officers, entered the Lodge Room in procession, the brethren singing, "O Brother Man".

Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 8.15 p.m. Prayer being offered by R.W. Bro. Rev. P. T. Pilkey, Grand Chaplain. The brethren then sang "O God our Help in Ages Past".

After Grand Lodge was opened, the Most Worshipful Grand Master invited all Master Masons in waiting, to enter, and gave them a cordial welcome to all sessions of the Grand Lodge.

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Our Distinguished Guests were announced and presented at the Altar:

Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

M.W. Bro. Chauncey C. Colton, Grand Master
M.W. Bro. Gustav Widell, Past Grand Master
R.W. Bro. William B. Sturtz, Deputy Grand Master
V.W. Bro. W. B. Congdon, Grand Pursuivant
Presented by M. W. Bro. John T. Boyd.

Grand Lodge of North Dakota:

M.W. Bro. Mark Forkner, Past Grand Master
M.W. Bro. Charles M. Pollock, Past Grand Master
Presented by M.W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence.

Grand Lodge of Alberta:

M.W. Bro. Samuel Harris, Grand Master
Presented by M.W. Bro. Dr. D. S. Woods.

Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan:

R.W. Bro. Robert A. Tate, Grand Secretary
Presented by M.W. Bro. N. J. Black.

Grand Honors were accorded our Distinguished Guests and our Most Worshipful Grand Master welcomed them, and addressed them as follows:

With radio and press constantly reminding us of the devastation wrought by modern warfare, it is a happy privilege to welcome you, our Distinguished Guests and accredited representatives of our Sister Grand Jurisdictions of Canada and the United States, to the Sixty-sixth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba

In September, 1851, Wesley Bond and Governor Ramsay of the Territory of Minnesota came to the Red River Community in order that they might see it for themselves.

On arriving this is what Mr. Bond wrote in his diary:

"As I saw thee today, so shall I always see thee and to the latest hour of my existence thy beauties will, to my mind's eye at least, remain indelibly printed. I feel satisfied that, though absent thousands of weary miles my thoughts will always dwell on Red River with rapturous emotion."

On the following evening he wrote:

"Saturday 20th.—Cloudy, raw and cold most of the day; very unpleasant out of doors, but as my time is precious I paid no attention to it. What is wind or weather to a man who never expects to get to Red River in his life again, a whole month's march of twenty miles per day to the west of sundown, by which I mean St. Paul?"

He later expresses his reluctance to depart:

"Amid all my wanderings over this earth of ours, I have never been more kindly treated, nor made the friendship of more whole-souled people. I have never in so short a time become so much attached to any place, nor left any place with such keen regret."

Seventeen years later, Charles Mair gives us the following glimpse of a dinner party in Fort Garry:

"We had a pleasant stay in Fort Garry, and received all sorts of entertainment. They live like princes here. Just fancy what we had at a dinner party! Oyster soup, white fish, roast prairie chicken, green peas, tomatoes stewed, and stewed gooseberries, plum pudding, blanc-mange, raisins, nuts of all kinds, coffee, port and sherrie, brandy punch and cigars, concluding with whist until four o'clock A.M. There is a dinner for you, in the heart of the Continent, with Indian skin lodges within a stone throw!"

Brethren, it is true that the Indian skin lodges have disappeared from our thoroughfares. It is also true that the roast Prairie chicken, port and sherry and brandy punch have disappeared from our banquet tables, but let me assure you that the warmth of the welcome in the heart of the Continent has not diminished since those far off days.

When the time comes for you to depart, may you be able to say with Mr. Bond, that amid all your wanderings you have never been more kindly treated, nor made the friendship of more whole-souled people. And we will be saying: "Will ye no' come back again."

I extend to you, one and all, a warm and hearty welcome. We shall be looking forward with pleasure, to a message from each of you, some time tomorrow.

"Most Worshipful Brothers, will you kindly conduct our distinguished Brethren to the Grand East."

PRESENTATION OF THE FLAGS

W. Bro. Sydney Foreman (4) bearing the Union Jack.

W. Bro. James Wardrope (121) bearing the Stars and Stripes were received and the flags were presented at the Altar, and the brethren sang the following National Hymns: "God Save the King", "America", and the "International Hymn". The flags were then placed in the East.

ADOPTING REGULATIONS

On motion of R.W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell (114), seconded by R.W. Bro. Canon George R. Calvert (1), the regulations for conducting Grand Lodge were adopted as printed in the programme.

READING OF MINUTES

On motion of W. Bro. A. E. Boyle (114), seconded by R.W. Bro. J. Frank Dart (93), the Minutes of the Sixty-fifth Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, and the Special Communication held at Flin Flon on the 12th of September, 1940, having been printed in the Annual Proceedings, were taken as read, and adopted.

RECEIVING GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Alabama	R.W. Bro. F. H. Daggs
Alberta	R.W. Bro. H. M. Kerr
Alpina (Switzerland)	V.W. Bro. W. C. Birt
Arkansas	V.W. Bro. J. D. Harrower
British Columbia	R.W. Bro. Rev. C. E. Somerset
Canada (in Ontario)	M.W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence
Chili	M.W. Bro. N. J. Black
Colorado	W. Bro. K. R. Kennedy
Connecticut	R.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan
Costa Rica	R.W. Bro. R. McKenzie
Denmark	R.W. Bro. S. H. Fahrni
District of Columbia	R.W. Bro. A. H. Steventon
England	M.W. Bro. Hon. Jus. W. J. Major
France, N.G.L.	R.W. Bro. C. A. Midwinter
Georgia	R.W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell
Honduras	R.W. Bro. A. J. Cowan
Illinois	R.W. Bro. W. R. Leslie
Indiana	R.W. Bro. S. A. Wood
Ireland	M.W. Bro. J. T. Boyd
Kansas	M.W. Bro. Jabez Miller
Kentucky	R.W. Bro. J. L. Lawson
Louisiana	R.W. Bro. C. E. Cole
Maine	R.W. Bro. W. D. Harper
Maryland	R.W. Bro. N. McDougall
Mexico, York G.L.	R.W. Bro. M. A. Nitikman
Michigan	R.W. Bro. Dr. O. S. Ross
Minnesota	R.W. Bro. Ben. C. Parker
Mississippi	M.W. Bro. G. N. Jackson
Missouri	R.W. Bro. Maris H. Garton
Montana	R.W. Bro. M. S. Watson
Nebraska	R.W. Bro. Hugh Mackenzie
Netherlands	M.W. Bro. A. L. Crossin
Nevada	R.W. Bro. T. A. Argue
New Brunswick	R.W. Bro. Canon G. R. Calvert
New Hampshire	M.W. Bro. George Hunter
New Mexico	R.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly
New South Wales	M.W. Bro. Jas. Mackie
New York	R.W. Bro. Rev. G. A. Woodside
New Zealand	R.W. Bro. Samuel Burland
North Dakota	R.W. Bro. J. Frank Dart
Nova Scotia	M.W. Bro. D. S. Woods
Ohio	W. Bro. A. E. Boyle
Oklahoma	V.W. Bro. H. M. Smith
Oregon	M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson
Philippine Islands	R.W. Bro. Rev. J. S. Miller
Rhode Island	R.W. Bro. J. R. Stalker
Saskatchewan	R.W. Bro. Alex. Burgess

Scotland	M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas
South Carolina	R.W. Bro. C. R. Sayer
South Dakota	M.W. Bro. Thos. Stockdale
Tennessee	M.W. Bro. J. S. MacEwing
Texas	V.W. Bro. H. G. Kilpatrick
Utah	R.W. Bro. D. MacDonald
Vermont	R.W. Bro. Dr. F. K. Purdie
Virginia	M.W. Bro. Harry Woods
Washington	R.W. Bro. G. R. McKay
West Virginia	M.W. Bro. Wm. Fenwick

The Grand Representation brought fraternal greetings from their respective Grand Jurisdictions, were received with Grand Honors. The M.W. Grand Master then addressed them:

"The world-wide solidarity of Freemasonry is beautifully exemplified in this most impressive ceremony. A Dictator may abolish Official Freemasonry from the territory over which he holds sway, but he can never abolish it from the hearts of men.

It is a delight to me to receive and acknowledge the fraternal greetings you bring from our sister Grand Jurisdictions. The suppression of Freemasonry, in many European Jurisdictions, can never break the cement of brotherly love which binds together the whole mass throughout all the world. I feel confident that, even in the Countries temporarily dominated by the three ruffians, the mystic tie will stand the test; and when these brothers are liberated, they will join hands with free men everywhere, in building a more beautiful structure than this world has known heretofore.

This ceremony always reminds me of the words of the Psalmist: "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"

I would ask you, my brethren, to kindly convey to your respective Grand Jurisdictions our sincere appreciation of your presence at this Communication, together with our kindest fraternal greetings and hearty good wishes."

M.W. Bro. Hon. Justice W. J. Major (25), on behalf of the Grand Representatives, acknowledged the kindly greetings of the M.W. Grand Master in a few well chosen remarks.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons:

By the Grace of God and through the devotion to duty and the sacrifice of those who have thrown themselves into the struggle against the powers of evil, I have the pleasure and the very great privilege of welcoming you, each and every one, to this, the Sixty-sixth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

This is your Grand Lodge. You have come here of your own free will and accord, and at your own expense. This is proof to me that you are desirous of promoting the best interests of Freemasonry and all it stands for. In the building of the Temple of Freemasonry there is work for all who are willing to labor, and let me assure you, the reward exceeds that of gold or silver or precious stones.

In extending a welcome, therefore, I am doing so, much as a father extends a welcome to his children when they return to the old home. To those who have been in Grand Lodge year after year, they come anticipating just such a welcome. From experience, I would say that none of the sincerity of the welcome is lost because of repetition. It would not be home without it.

To the younger members who are here for the first time, I trust that the welcome you receive, in this Temple of peace, harmony and brotherly love, will give you a deep-rooted desire to return to each succeeding Annual Communication. May the moral, intellectual and spiritual nourishment obtained, while participating in the deliberations of this Grand Lodge, help you, the better, to display the beauties of Freemasonry to your brethren and to every individual with whom you come in contact.

To the Master Masons, we extend a very special welcome. While you are not permitted to take part in the deliberations of this Grand Lodge, your interest in Freemasonry has been proven by your presence. Such interest

will, no doubt, result in your attendance here as members of Grand Lodge in the not too distant future.

One of the joys of being Grand Master of this Grand Jurisdiction is found in the loyal and entirely unselfish encouragement and support one receives from the entire membership. I acknowledge, with gratitude, the co-operation I have received from the Past Grand Masters, the officers and members of this Grand Lodge. This support has been given cheerfully and always with the suggestion implied, if not stated, that their greatest happiness was to be found in serving. Others have spoken of the loyalty of their appointed officers. This loyalty has been demonstrated in a very practical manner during my term. Certain appointed officers accompanied me on nearly all of my official visits, covering hundreds of miles, at their own expense, in order that they might give to their Grand Master every assistance in their power.

The companionship and the very kindly constructive criticism of the Grand Secretary, who accompanied me on all of my official visits, will remain with me as a beautiful memory. This Grand Lodge owes a debt of gratitude to M.W. Bro. Harry Woods for his devotion to duty. With the exception of Flin Flon and The Pas, he too, accompanied me on my tour of the Jurisdiction. The intellectual benefits of Freemasonry have been kept in the forefront by his presentation, at all District Meetings of the value to be derived from a more extensive use of the Masonic Library.

The quality of character and intellectual endowments of my predecessors have insured that election to the position of Grand Master of this Grand Jurisdiction is equivalent to providing him with a passport to the realm of ideal citizenship whether within or without the Craft.

To adequately express appreciation for such distinction is something beyond words. It is most fittingly demonstrated in the effort put forth in serving the brethren. In this regard, I have given you the best I had, and the brethren throughout

the Jurisdiction have been pleased to accept it as such. The responsibilities are extremely heavy, but to serve this Jurisdiction has been a pleasure and privilege. To you, my beloved brethren one and all, my sincere thanks.

“The days of our age are threescore years and ten; and though men be so strong, that they come to four score years; yet is their strength then but labor and sorrow; so soon passeth it away, and we are gone.”

During the session the Committee on Fraternal Dead will present a comprehensive report, but I consider it my solemn duty to record here the names of a few of those Masonic noblemen who have passed to their reward during the year just ended.

On Sunday morning, September 22, 1940, M.W. Bro. Andrew Browning Baird, D.D., Grand Master of this Grand Lodge in 1922-23, was translated to the Grand Lodge above. He lived to within a few days of his 85th birthday. During his long life he had the happiness that comes to those who serve their God and their fellow-men. His happy chuckle, his warm hand-clasp, his wise counsel, his sweet reasonableness, his valued friendship, and his uplifting influence will long be remembered within the Craft. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

On January 29, 1941, M.W. Bro. Benjamin Reis, M.D. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Sao Paulo, Brazil, passed away. He was born on April 5, 1881. We cannot speak of him from personal knowledge, but we do know he must have been a good man and a good Mason to have received the distinction he did from his Grand Lodge. Our sympathy goes out to the brethren of this distant Grand Jurisdiction in the loss of their Grand Master.

I note with regret the passing of the following Past Grand Masters of other Grand Jurisdictions:

M.W. Bro. Arthur Stirling Gorrell, of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan who died at his home in the City of Regina,

on Monday, June 3, 1940. He was a fluent, forceful speaker and was an authority in all things Masonic. He was Grand Master during the year I served as Master of my mother Lodge in Saskatchewan. In every sense he was a man and a Mason.

M.W. Bro. Martin Luther Grimmett, and M.W. Bro. James Sutherland Henderson, D.D., of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia. M.W. Bro. Walter S. Fenton of the Grand Lodge of Vermont. M.W. Bro. Frank H. Sprague, Grand Master, North Dakota, 1914-15. Our deep sympathy is extended also to the brethren of these Grand Jurisdictions.

"They are not dead. Such souls forever live
In boundless measure of the love they give."

Words from our Burial Service seem most appropriate at this time:

"As we pause to thank Thee, Almighty and everlasting God, for the lives of these, our brethern, we devotedly beseech Thee to quicken us who are still in our pilgrimage, and teach us so to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. Whatever our hand findeth to do, may we do it with all our might, knowing that there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom in the grave whither we go. Inspire in us such trust in God and such measure of that charity which rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth, that we may secure Thy Commendation. Let Thy Fatherly care and protection be over those who are bereaved. Remember them, O Lord, in mercy and supply all their wants. May the G.A.O.T.U. be our strength in weakness, our Light in darkness, and our life in death."

An adequate summary of the condition of Freemasonry, material, moral and spiritual, will be presented to you through the reports of officers of the Board of General Purposes, and of the Standing and Special Committees of the Board. I shall therefore confine myself to reporting my official acts and submitting a general review on the condition of Freemasonry in this Grand Jurisdiction, based on my personal observations.

I have read with particular interest the notices received from the Secretaries of Lodges and have appreciated the

desire to make these notices attractive. When there is little work to do, some Secretaries are resourceful enough to fill blank space with a beautiful thought expressed in verse. This is without a doubt better than leaving it a plain sheet.

During my year I recommended the appointment of the following Grand Representatives of Sister Grand Jurisdictions near this Grand Lodge:

R.W. Bro. Robert Peel Grand Lodge of North Carolina
M.W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence. Grand Lodge of Canada (in Ontario)
V.W. Bro. Jas D. Harrower . Grand Lodge of Arkansas
R.W. Bro. M. S. Watson . . Grand Lodge of Montana
V.W. Bro. Harry M. Smith . Grand Lodge of Oklahoma
V.W. Bro. Geo. V. Henderson Grand Lodge of Porto Rico
V.W. Bro. H. G. Kilpatrick.. Grand Lodge of Texas
R.W. Bro. O. S. Ross, M.D.. Grand Lodge of Michigan
R.W. Bro. D. MacDonald Grand Lodge of Utah

Believing Freemasonry to be one of the greatest factors in promoting and maintaining cordial relations, not only nationally but internationally, and realizing how much this is to be desired at the present time, I obtained, not only the consent of the brethren recommended for these appointments but their assurance that, if such recommendation was confirmed they would, to the best of their ability, fulfil the duties of that office. I stressed to them the desirability of visiting the Grand Jurisdiction they represented, and three of them have stated their intention of doing so at the first opportunity.

In June, 1925, I visited the Grand Lodge of Oregon, one year after I was appointed its Grand Representative. This has been one of the happiest contacts I have made, and during the years following that visit, the Grand Jurisdiction of Oregon has seemed much like a Mother Grand Lodge to me. I recommend to all Grand Representatives that they visit the Grand Jurisdiction they represent if they can, at any time, find it convenient to do so.

It was my pleasant duty to present (or in case of non-residence to have presented) the Fifty-year Grand Lodge Jewel to the following brethren during the year:

W. Bro. Joseph Hyde, Assiniboine Lodge No. 7. Initiated into Assiniboine Lodge No 7 on 19th November, 1890. Passed on 21st January, 1891. Raised on 18th February, 1891. Elected Master of the Lodge in 1931. Jewel presented at a meeting of Assiniboine Lodge No. 7, held on 27th of December, 1940.

W. Bro. Frank Dobbs, Shoal Lake Lodge No. 92. Initiated in Corinthian Lodge No. 15 on 4th January, 1887. Passed on 5th April, 1887. Raised on 7th June, 1887. Demitted on 7th February, 1888. Charter member of Shoal Lake Lodge No 92. Elected Master in 1908. Jewel presented at his residence, 697 McMillan Ave., Winnipeg, on June 5th, 1940, by the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence and myself.

Bro. Joseph E. Johnson, Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3. Initiated in Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3, on 19th December, 1887. Passed on 23rd July, 1888. Raised on 8th July, 1889. Now living at Redondo Beach, California. The Jewel is to be presented through the Grand Lodge of California.

Bro. Frank M. Morgan, Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3. Initiated in Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3 on 10th February, 1890. Passed on 19th May, 1890. Raised on 23rd June, 1890. Now living in Vancouver. The Jewel to be presented through the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

Bro. Thomas R. McLeod, St. John's Lodge No. 4. Initiated in St. John's Lodge No. 4 on 6th September, 1882. Passed on 1st November, 1882. Raised on 24th April, 1883. Now living in Vancouver. The Jewel to be presented through the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

V.W. Bro. Henry L. Deakin, Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1. Initiated in Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1 on 17th March, 1891. Passed on 21st April, 1891. Raised on 26th May, 1891. Elected Master in 1903. Grand Deacon in 1913. Now Chaplain of King's Heath Lodge No. 3863, Birmingham, England. Jewel presented in King's Heath Lodge.

Bro. William A. McKee, Deloraine Lodge No. 40. Initiated in Deloraine Lodge No. 40, on 2nd April, 1890. Passed on 30th July, 1890. Raised on 27th August, 1890.

Bro. Robert A. Williamson, Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3. Initiated in Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3 on

10th November, 1890. Passed on 12th January, 1891.
Raised on 9th February, 1891.

Grand Lodge of Canada (In Ontario).

Bro. Fred Endress, Washington Lodge No. 260, Petrolia, Ontario.

The circle of old friends becomes narrower for our veterans year by year and they deeply appreciate this kind gesture on the part of Grand Lodge. These brothers have been among the pioneers of Freemasonry in Manitoba and we today are reaping the benefit of their labor of love. Our best wishes are extended to them, and we hope and trust they may long be spared to grace our gatherings with the dignity and wisdom that come from rich experience in a long and useful life.

“There is ever a spark in a veteran’s heart,
Which keeps love’s embers aglow,
And a warmth in the clasp of a veteran’s hand
Which the world can never know.”

One year ago, when I was installed as your Grand Master, I told you that my constant prayer would be: “O Lord give me an understanding heart to discern between right and wrong, that I may be able to lead this, Thy so great a people.” To me, the answer seems to be just this: “What doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God.” Or in other familiar words, “Judge with candor, admonish with firmness and reprehend with mercy.”

My first official act was to have a dispensation issued to my adopted Mother Lodge Miniota No. 102, to attend Divine Worship. My second act was to join them in that service on June 9th and, amid familiar surroundings, and in the presence of my old friends and brothers to ask the guidance of the G.A.O.T.U. on my year’s work.

It was my happy privilege to visit three Sister Grand Jurisdictions during my term. The first of these was on June 12th, when with the Grand Secretary, I visited the Grand Lodge of Alberta in Edmonton. There is an atmos-

phere in this Grand Lodge that is captivating from the moment one enters it. The sincerity of the welcome extended makes one feel very much at home and leaves him with a strong desire to return whenever occasion may permit.

On examining the records in the Grand Secretary's Office in Winnipeg, I discovered that M.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, Grand Secretary and Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, was fifty years a Mason on the day he addressed us in Grand Lodge, June 5, 1940. I therefore had one of our Veteran's Jewels engraved, and had the great pleasure of presenting it to him while extending the fraternal greetings of this Grand Jurisdiction at Edmonton. When M.W. Bro. Kemmis was Initiated, his Lodge was under the Grand Jurisdiction of Manitoba and only became separated from Manitoba when Alberta Grand Lodge was instituted on October 12, 1905. During that time he had served as D.D.G.M. of the Tenth Masonic District, Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

Immediately following the opening of the Alberta Communication, Lieutenant-Governor Bowen (himself a brother Mason) was received in form by the Grand Master. Before he was called upon to address Grand Lodge, a resolution was unanimously adopted making a donation of \$5,000.00 to the Dominion Government for War purposes, and another donation amounting to \$2,500.00 was allocated to the United Grand Lodge of England towards the expense of operating their hospitals in the care of wounded soldiers. Evidently the brethren of Alberta believe that actions speak louder than words.

In his address, the Lieutenant-Governor thanked the brethren most sincerely for their manifestations of loyalty to our King and Queen, which he was sure would be greatly appreciated by them.

M.W. Bro. George Moore, Grand Master, delivered an outstanding address and his ability as a presiding officer left nothing to be desired.

On June 19th, it was my privilege to carry the greetings of this Grand Lodge to my Mother Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan. R.W. Bro. Russell, being somewhat indisposed, was unable to accompany me on this occasion. The arrangements for the comfort of your Grand Master and the hearty welcome given him demonstrated the affection in which their Mother Jurisdiction is held. I express my deep appreciation of the courtesy and kindness shown me by M.W. Bro. H. M. Underhill, Grand Master, and all those associated with him. I am still a member of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, and I was proud of my Grand Master. As a token of friendship he presented me with a souvenir of the King's visit which I shall always prize.

On January 15, 1941, I visited the Grand Lodge of Minnesota in St. Paul, accompanied by R.W. Bro. Canon George R. Calvert, D.G.M., Past Grand Masters, M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas, M.W. Bro. John T. Boyd, M.W. Bro. Royal Burritt, M.W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence and the Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell.

Some of the distinguished visitors from other Grand Jurisdictions were M.W. Bro. Hall, G.M. South Dakota; M.W. Bro. Naylor, G.M. North Dakota; and M.W. Bro. Stine, G.M. Wisconsin. This was one of the most delightful Masonic experiences I have had. In expressing my deep appreciation for the splendid arrangements which were made for our comfort and entertainment, I wish especially to extend thanks to the Grand Master and M.W. Bro. Matson, who seemed to regard your Grand Master as his special charge during my short but very happy stay in St. Paul.

The friendship that exists between the Grand Jurisdictions of Manitoba and Minnesota is a very real thing, and has in my opinion, been greatly strengthened by our fraternal visits. The unanimity of our two great nations, sent me back home with new courage and with the firm belief that no matter what experiences we may have in the days to come, nothing could or would defeat the purpose of our two democracies to preserve righteousness, truth and freedom for ourselves and for our children.

Owing to other arrangements. I was unable to accept the very kind invitation of M.W. Bro. Dan De Baugh, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, to be present at its Centennial Communication. I was most fortunate in having M.W. Bro. John T. Boyd represent me. In reporting to me, M.W. Bro. Boyd said: "It was with sincere appreciation I received your request to visit the Centennial meeting of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, and act as your personal representative. I was accompanied by M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas and what I now write is a brief summary of our combined experiences:"

"A Centennial Communication of a Grand Lodge is an unusual event on this Continent because a hundred years ago so much of the Western World was the happy hunting ground of the aborigines.

"The arrangements for the reception and care of the visitors from outside Jurisdictions were complete, and we were taken in hand from the moment we stepped inside the rotunda of the Hotel Sherman. The entire programme including the Communication of the Grand Lodge was carried out under the same roof.

"Promptly at 9:00 a.m. on October 8th, the Session opened with the Band of the Illinois Orphan's Home in a programme of music which carried on for an hour.

"The Ceremonial opening of the Annual Communication took place at 10:00 a.m. and the first event was introducing their Distinguished Guests, representing 27 different Grand Lodges including five brethren from Canada. The representatives from the Dominion consisted of two from the Grand Lodge of Canada (in Ontario), one from Saskatchewan and your two Manitobans.

"We were introduced by the M.W. Grand Master, Dan De Baugh and officially received by his Deputy Grand Master, Bro. K. H. Mohr, who in part said:

"In this hour of triumphant celebration our thoughts

go in love and sympathy to those Masons of Canada and the Mother Grand Lodge who are now fighting for their very lives amidst a reign of terror unprecedented in the annals of history. Let me say your presence makes this a privileged occasion. We shall always treasure your coming to our Anniversary, and we cherish this opportunity of making you a part of it.'

"The response on behalf of the visitors was made by the Deputy Grand Master of Massachusetts, the Senior Grand Lodge represented.

"The highlight of the after-dinner programme of speeches was the deliverance by the Grand Chaplain, Bro. John B. Hubbard, part of whose address we quote:

" 'You remember there were two young men, two thousand years ago, who were very close friends. One of them professed his love for the other and said he would even die for his friend. His friend went out one night into the garden to meditate. He was arrested and this friend of his, who said he would die for him, ran away and followed him afar off. Peter was not there when the crisis arrived.

" 'Where are you going to be when the hour comes? What are we going to do? Are we going to have the marvellous spirit, the Esprit de Corps, and the courage that Great Britain is showing? Are we going to hike for the cyclone cellars of our own selfishness and our own safety? What are we going to do in the days that lie ahead in meeting the great challenge that lies before us?' "

"The two references quoted in this report are indicative of the attitude of our brethren of the United States, and are a fair average of their outlook upon the International scene."

My sincere appreciation goes out to M.W. Bro. Boyd and M.W. Bro. Douglas for the service rendered this Grand Jurisdiction by attending the celebration in Chicago.

The Annual International gathering of Masons at Lake Metigoshe, N.D., was called for July 14, 1940, but owing to

changes in passport regulations it had to be postponed. It appeared for a time that it would be impossible to hold such a meeting, but our grand old Brother Judge G. Grimson of Rugby, N.D., overcame all the difficulties and a final appeal to the President brought the desired result. The restrictions were modified so that no passports were necessary. The picnic was held on August 4th, when, to quote the Pierce County Tribune of Rugby, N.D.—“Three hundred Americans and almost one hundred Canadians attending the Sixth Annual International Picnic on Masonic Island, Lake Metigoshe, last Sunday, heartily applauded the message to the gathering received from President Roosevelt.

In a letter to Judge G. Grimson, Stephen Early, Secretary to the President wrote: “The President has asked me to extend his hearty greetings to all who attend the International Picnic on Masonic Island on August fourth. He hopes the gathering will be an enjoyable event and one which will further cement the friendly relations which have always prevailed between our people and our neighbors to the North.”

In a perfect setting under the shade of some of the oldest trees in North Dakota the exercises opened with a religious service, led by Rev. L. R. Burgum, Fargo, assisted by Rev. George R. Calvert, Winnipeg.

The theme of friendly relations between United States and Canada, and of the duty of the citizens of both countries to assist in maintaining the freedom of their democracies, prevailed throughout the fine addresses given. Among the speakers were Gov. John Moses; J. J. Henderson, Shoal Lake, Manitoba; Harry Woods and W. D. Lawrence, Winnipeg; and Dr. J. W. Payne, Crosby.

Prominent Masons were introduced. The Bottineau Band provided music. Hans Thorgrimson led community singing, and sang as a solo, “God Bless America”. The gathering closed with the singing of “Auld Lang Syne”.

It is doubtful if we fully appreciate the benefit to be derived from such good-will International gatherings. It was a most gracious act on the part of President Roosevelt to send (through his Secretary) his hearty greetings, since it suggests the importance he places on any effort to promote more friendly relations, than it is to regain them once they are lost, if indeed they can ever be fully regained. I sincerely hope the practice of meeting on Masonic Island will be continued.

Accompanied by R.W. Bro. Russell, V.W. Bro. H. G. Kilpatrick and a number of brethren from The Pas, I visited Flin Flon Lodge No. 153, on September 17th. This was a very happy arrangement for me, as it came almost at the beginning of my official visitations in the Jurisdiction.

Any Grand Master seeking inspiration would do well to visit this farthest north Lodge early in his year. Our party was taken out to Beaver Lake, some twenty-five miles distant. From this beautiful summer resort, we were taken by motor boat down this lovely lake. The day was perfect and the scenery a picture never to be forgotten. As an appetizer for the sumptuous banquet awaiting our return, we climbed to the top of a high hill overlooking the lake. From this eminence we were enabled to view the country for miles around. This whole territory appeared as one vast body of water dotted with wooded islands.

I witnessed the E.A. Degree that evening and the work would compare favorably with any Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction. The Masonic Temple built for the most part by the voluntary labor of the brethren themselves is a very fine building. Nothing has been overlooked to make it a convenient and comfortable Lodge home.

The following evening we visited The Pas Lodge No. 124, we were joined by M.W. Bro. N. J. Black. There was no degree work, but the opening and closing as well as the conducting of the business of the Lodge showed thoroughness and efficiency. As in Flin Flon, this Lodge is blessed with a first-class Secretary. The same delightful hospitality

was shown us here as in the Sister Lodge to the north. Besides being driven through the country, shown over the Power-house, the Lumber Mill and other places of interest, several car loads accompanied us to a nearby resort on the shores of Clear Lake. The lime stone formation on the bottom of the lake makes the water crystal clear.

We now take you from the North-west corner of the Jurisdiction to the South-east corner, where, on October 2nd, we visited Sprague Lodge No. 132. At one time Sprague boasted a very thriving lumber industry. The removal of this industry was a severe blow to the community. On our arrival we found very comfortable quarters awaiting us and a sincere and hearty welcome. The work of the Lodge was not as skilfully conducted as in the other two we have just reviewed but the spirit of Freemasonry was very much the same. Letters read by the Secretary revealed that in the hour of sorrow, practical help, comfort and consolation had been extended to those bereaved.

The ladies stayed late to provide a banquet second to none to be found anywhere. The toast list included a toast to the President of the United States, in honor of the very fine delegation present from nearby towns in Minnesota.

The greater part of the fraternal contacts in Sprague are with these brothers, and they like so many border lodges, are helping to maintain the wonderful spirit of friendship which exists between our two great countries. They have a very competent Secretary and records are well kept. This Lodge is filling a real need in the Community, and we hope that it may continue to carry on the good work. Some of the Lodges on the Eastern border of the Eighth Masonic District could perform a real service by paying a visit to Sprague Lodge during the summer months.

The Grand Master is brought into personal contact with the whole Grand Jurisdiction through the medium of the District meetings. I attended them all and the dates and places of these meetings were as follows:

Fifth District on Sept. 3rd, 1940.....at Shoal Lake
Fourth District on Sept. 23rd, 1940.....at Manitou
Eighth District on Sept. 24th, 1940.....at Roland
Sixth District on Sept. 25th, 1940.....at Elgin
Third District on Sept. 26th, 1940.....At Belmont
Seventh District on Sept. 27th, 1940.....At Virden
Tenth District on Oct. 3rd, 1940....at West Kildonan
Second District on Oct. 4th, 1940...at Portage la Prairie
Ninth District on Oct. 9th, 1940.....at Dauphin
First District on Oct. 19th, 1940.....at Winnipeg
Twelfth District on Feb. 15th, 1940.....at Winnipeg

The attendance at all District meetings exceeded my expectations and the interest was keen. It appeared to me that I had been blessed with a devoted and efficient group of D.D.G.M.'s, all of whom had given thought and time to the planning of these meetings in order that they might prove of real value to the membership. In my opinion, the instruction given to the District Deputy Grand Masters-elect, at a meeting held for that purpose during the Session of Grand Lodge, has been extremely helpful, and I strongly recommend that it be continued.

The courtesy shown, and the reception given, to myself and the officers of this Grand Lodge wherever we went, were to say the least, soul-stirring. I constantly had this thought before me: "God make me worthy of my friends."

For some unknown reason, I imagined I understood the brethren of the country Lodges much better than those in the City, and it was with considerable timidity that I made my debut, as Grand Master, in the centre of Freemasonry in this Province. The kindness, the consideration, the courtesy and the desire to serve your Grand Master in any capacity whatever, have brought the brethren of the city very close to me. I believe I can say without fear of contradiction that in City and Country alike, throughout this Grand Jurisdiction, Freemasonry, in the main is sound, that the heart of Freemasonry beats true, and that every community large or small is the better for having a Masonic Lodge. The brethren of our Lodges, wherever one goes, will be found taking a leading part in all that is highest and best. One day I asked a Corporal of the R.C.M.P. what he

thought it would mean if every man throughout the country not connected with our Order, lived within the law as well as the average Freemason; He said, "It would mean that there would be no R.C.M.P."

The Consecration and Constitution of Manitouwapa Lodge No. 156, took place at Moosehorn on September 4, 1940. Circumstances beyond my control made it impossible for me to officiate on this occasion. M.W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence kindly consented to act for me and M.W. Bro. Harry Woods installed the officers. They were assisted by brethren who accompanied them from Winnipeg.

It was very pleasing for me to meet the Master of Manitouwapa Lodge at the Tenth Masonic District Meeting in West Kildonan, he having travelled 124 miles to be present or 248 miles for the round trip.

I sincerely regret that I was unable to go to Moosehorn for the ceremony just mentioned, but with M.W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence in charge, it was in very capable hands. My thanks to him and to those who assisted him.

In addition to my visits to the Lodges under the direct supervision of the Grand Master, the District Meetings and to Sister Grand Jurisdictions, the following Constituent Lodges were visited:

July 15th, Strathclair Lodge No 106, at Strathclair.

July 21st, Elkhorn Lodge No. 74 at Elkhorn (Funeral of W. Bro. Cryderman).

August 12th, Strathclair Lodge No. 106, at Strathclair.

October 1st, "The Assiniboine" Lodge No. 114, at Winnipeg.

October 8th, Russell Lodge No. 62, at Russell.

October 10th, Prince of Wales Lodge No. 14, at Minnedosa.

October 14th, Strathclair Lodge No 106, at Strathclair (Social Evening).

October 29th, Hamiota Lodge No. 84, at Hamiota (Farewell to W. Bro. McNaught).

December 27th, Assiniboine Lodge No 7, at Portage la Prairie.

March 20th, Shoal Lake Lodge No. 92, at Shoal Lake.

April 17th, Northern Light Lodge No. 10, at Winnipeg.

May 13th, Brandon Lodge No. 19, at Brandon (Tweed Lodge No. 113 joining).

May 22nd, Miniota Lodge No. 102, at Miniota.

June 3rd, "The Assiniboine" Lodge No. 114, at Winnipeg.

In addition I attended Divine Service with the brethren at the following points:

June 9th, Miniota Lodge No. 102, at Miniota.

June 16th, Fifth Masonic District, at Shoal Lake.

June 23rd, Prince of Wales Lodge No. 14, at Minnedosa.

June 23rd, Gladstone Lodge No. 11, at Gladstone.

October 27th, Strathclair Lodge No. 106, at Strathclair.

November 10th, Seventh Masonic District, Pro-Cathedral, Brandon.

November 17th, Service of Witness and Dedication, Auditorium, Winnipeg.

February 9th, First Masonic District, St. Matthew's Church, Winnipeg.

May 18th, Corinthian Lodge No 15, at Rapid City.

I took one of these services myself, and assisted in six others.

Having promised to attend "Manitoba Night" in St. John's Lodge No. 4, Winnipeg, it was with sincere regret that I was forced to break that promise owing to illness.

When not absent on official duties I attended all the meetings of Shoal Lake Lodge No. 92, but only mention, in the above list, my official visit to this Lodge. I moved to Shoal Lake while I was Deputy Grand Master and I shall always remember with gratitude the kindly reception given me and the willingness of the brethren there to assist me in every way possible.

My official duties have taken me over a distance of 9,493 miles.

On June 16, 1940, I asked the chairman of the Board of General Purposes, R.W. Bro. G. R. Calvert to ascertain from the Board at its next meeting, if it would feel disposed

to make a direct contribution of \$5,000.00, out of the funds of Grand Lodge, and present this to the Dominion Government for War Effort. This was unanimously passed and I was asked to forward it. On June 28, 1940, I wrote the Prime Minister as follows:

Shoal Lake, Man., June 28th, 1940.

The Right Hon. W. L. MacKenzie King,
Prime Minister of Canada,
Ottawa, Ont.

Right Hon. and Dear Prime Minister:

Realizing something of the great responsibility being carried by yourself, Right Hon, Sir, and the members of your Government, in this, the most critical period in the history of our beloved Empire, and with a sincere desire to uphold the hands of our Government in its war effort, the Freemasons of Manitoba have authorized me, as their Grand Master, to forward to you a cheque for \$5,000.00 which you will find enclosed and which is made payable to your Minister of Finance.

There never was a time when unity of effort was so essential, and the enclosed gift is but a slight expression of the undivided support which may be expected from the members of the Craft in this Jurisdiction. The ideals, for which our Nation is now bending all its strength to uphold and maintain, are very dear to the heart of every Freemason. With unbounded faith in God, and a firm belief that we are on His side in this Great struggle, for truth and righteousness, we can go forward to victory without fear, knowing that one with God is a majority.

It was with profound regret that we learned recently of the passing of your Minister of Defence, the Hon. Norman Rogers, and we take this opportunity of extending to you personally and to the members of your Government our deep sympathy.

Again I wish to express the undivided loyalty and devotion of the members of the Masonic Order in Manitoba.

I have the honor to be, Right Honorable Sir:

Your obedient servant,

J. J. HENDERSON.

Grand Master.

The following are copies of the replies I received.

Office of the Clerk of the Privy Council

Ottawa, Ont., July 2nd, 1940.

J. J. Henderson, Esq., Grand Master,
Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.,
Shoal Lake, Manitoba.

Dear Mr. Henderson:

The Prime Minister has asked me to acknowledge, immediately, on his behalf, your letter of June 28th enclosing the cheque of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M. for \$5,000.00 to the order of the Minister of Finance, as a contribution to Canada's War Effort.

Mr. King has asked me to express to you, and through you to the Freemasons of Manitoba, the warm thanks and appreciation of his colleagues and himself, for this generous and patriotic gift. Such a spontaneous and free gift as that which your Lodge has made to the common cause, is most heartening to the Government at this critical time. Mr. King has also asked me to thank you sincerely for the expression of undivided loyalty.

The Prime Minister wishes you to know that he and his colleagues appreciate the sympathetic reference which you have made to the passing of the late Minister of National Defence.

Yours very truly,

A. J. P. HEENEY,

Clerk of the Privy Council.

Office of the Prime Minister of Canada

Ottawa, July 6th, 1940.

J. J. Henderson, Esq., Grand Master,
Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.,
Shoal Lake, Manitoba.

Dear Mr. Henderson:

I have already asked the Clerk of the Privy Council to acknowledge receipt of your letter, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M., together with a cheque for Five Thousand Dollars.

I should like to add that my colleagues and I are very grateful for this generous and patriotic contribution to the war effort

of our country and our Commonwealth at a time when the best efforts of our citizens are necessary to ensure the freedom of our nation and our people. The knowledge that our citizens are making such splendid voluntary contributions of their service and resources is most enheartening to the Government and is an encouraging assurance that we shall emerge from the present struggle with our liberty intact.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) W. L. MACKENZIE KING.

Copies of a report made to the Board of General Purposes of Grand Lodge on June 5, 1940, and adopted by Grand Lodge, together with a recommendation made to the Board of General Purposes at its meeting on the 20th of September, 1940, and adopted by it, have been distributed to you through your Lodge, by the Committee on War Effort. In fact, the information given to you by this Committee has been complete, and it is quite unnecessary for me to go into detail; as you know, the nature of our War Effort is of a threefold character:

1st. Service of Witness and Dedication.

2nd. Raising a fund of Fifty Thousand Dollars.

3rd. Caring for evacuee children from Great Britain.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and to depart from evil is understanding.

The Service of Witness and Dedication was held in the Civic Auditorium, Winnipeg, on Sunday, November 17, 1940, and unquestionably was one of the greatest Masonic gatherings in the history of the Dominion. In addition to the hundreds of our brethren, who filled the Winnipeg Civic Auditorium to capacity, there were thousands more in every part of the West who participated by means of their radio. Personally I have never witnessed such an inspiring sight as that great Auditorium packed with men from every part of this province, from the farthest north to the United States boundary, from Saskatchewan to the Ontario border. We all assembled in the presence of Almighty God to offer our worship, praise and thanksgiving; to make confession of our sins; to pray, as well for others as for ourselves, that we might know more truly the great-

ness of God's love and shew forth in our lives the fruits of His Grace; and to ask on behalf of all men such things as their well-being doth require; to publicly confess our faith in God and His righteousness, and pray that we fail not to be worthy of the highest traditions of Freemasonry.

My personal thanks are due to all who contributed to the making of this service the most helpful and inspiring contribution to Freemasonry in our Grand Jurisdiction. I know that your generosity will permit me to make special mention of the Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. George R. Calvert, who delivered the address; the Grand Chaplain, R.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey, who arranged the order of Service and led in the prayers; the Grand Organist, V.W. Bro. J. J. Lyon, Choirmaster, who assembled and trained a choir of brother Masons, and the very capable assistance given him by Bro. Fred Walker at the piano.

The unanimity of spirit exemplified in the service seemed to be carried out through space by means of the radio, and immediately letters poured in expressing appreciation and delight. I shall always cherish the sentiments expressed in these letters. While it would be unwise to single out individual letters for special mention, there was one that touched me deeply, coming as it did from a grand old Mason in his 89th year. I refer to the one I received from M.W. Bro. Archbishop S. P. Matheson. He said in part:

"I listened with pleasure and interest to the Service of Witness held yesterday by the Grand Lodge and was delighted by it. Among those taking part I recognized only two voices, but it was glorious to hear the volume of men's voices in singing of the hymns. I consider that it was not only a fitting but a beautiful thing to hold such a service at this time when our beloved Order is being attacked by the enemies of religion and freedom. May God continue to bless Freemasonry and keep it true to HIM! When I was Grand Master in 1878-79 I had the painful duty of severing our connection with the Grand Lodge of France when it expunged the name of God from its ritual. France has suffered much from forsaking God. When the effort it made to raise the Masonic contribution referred to, I shall be glad to give my mite towards it."

In order that everyone would understand how much I appreciated their interest in writing, I replied to all the letters I received in connection with this service. It was, without doubt, the crowning achievement of my term. It was made possible by your loyalty and your deep appreciation of the higher and nobler things in life.

In connection with the second phase of our War Effort, contributions had reached the half-way mark in our objective of \$50,000.00 at the time of writing. This would suggest to me that we may fall short of our objective.

From the outset I determined not to consent to the raising of such a fund by assessment. I have not changed my mind. We might have collected more money by assessment, but we have the satisfaction of knowing that what has been contributed is an out-and-out free-will offering. That is as it should be in an institution such as Freemasonry. The presentation of this effort by R.W. Bro. Ben. C. Parker, General Chairman, and M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas, Campaign Chairman, on behalf of the Committee, has been largely responsible for the success of our undertaking.

Those who really grasped the significance of that Service of Witness and realized the urgency of the situation, have responded nobly to the second phase of our War Effort. I can scarcely believe that men of sound judgment and strict morals could fail to grasp the significance, or realize the urgency of the situation, but if there are such, I can only feel sorry for them. If there are any, (and I doubt very much if there are), who can help, and refuse, we do not want their help. Sacrifice must be willing, to be of any real value. If there are those who are really unable to help financially, we would not want to embarrass them by an assessment, or take from them what they really need for themselves. No one can really know the circumstances of his brother Mason. He may have obligations of which the world knows nothing. Be assured, your Grand Master is not the one to condemn any man, either in thought or word. "Judge not that ye be not judged." Rather let the conscience of each man be his judge, and in the case of Freemasons,

men of sound judgment, that conscience will not lead him far astray.

The widow of one of our late Past Masters presented to me the money she had put aside to buy flowers on their wedding anniversary. She said he always brought flowers on that day and she liked to continue the practice in his memory. But, she said, "after listening to that beautiful Service of Witness, I felt that he would appreciate it more if I gave the money to the Masonic War Effort." Brethren such gifts as these are the ones we prize.

In the old Roman Empire, there was a law which compelled a civilian to carry a soldier's equipment one mile if requested to do so. The Great Teacher said: "If he ask thee to go a mile, go with him twain." We can imagine there were those who went that one mile grudgingly. Others would not only go the one mile but would cheerfully volunteer to carry the knapsack another mile, glad of the opportunity to be of assistance. How much better they would both feel!

In our War Effort it is hardly enough to pay the taxes demanded by law. We should, like the widow just referred to, be glad to go the second mile. Whatever the result when we meet in Grand Lodge, I strongly recommend that the effort be continued if necessary until the objective is obtained. If we never give anything, the Government must and will get it. It is not so much the money in itself, as the encouragement and comfort it brings to our suffering brethren, and to all the people of the dear old Motherland, to know, that the Freemasons of Manitoba contributed of their own free will and accord, (and in spite of increased taxes) to the assistance of those who are giving their all, and suffering so much, in order that we may live in peace and have preserved for us and for those who will follow us, everything that Freemasonry holds dear.

The third phase of our War Effort has not been as extensive as we had anticipated. This is due to the fact, that the pressure on the fleet has been so great, that sufficient

power for the protection of these precious human cargoes could not be spared. The response thus far assures me that these little ones will find desirable homes in Canada, if and when homes are required.

Such, my brothers, is the record of my stewardship. I have not achieved as much as I wanted to, but it is doubtful if anyone ever does. Carlyle says "A great man is always sincere, as the first condition of him. But a man need not be great in order to be sincere." I take comfort in that second sentence. I have not been great, but I have been sincere. You have received the best I had every day and hour I could possibly use in your service.

The Grand Master I succeeded set a great example. I was proud to follow his leadership. I am just as proud to hand over the Grand Master's gavel to my successor. He will hold high the torch of Freemasonry during his term, just as he has in the past. To him I say:

"Then here's to your health, old chap; I drink as a
 bridegroom to his bride,
I leave an unfinished task for you, but God knows how
 I've tried.
I've dreamed my dreams, as all men do, but never a one
 came true;
And my prayer today is that all my dreams may be
 realized in you."

The days following close on my installation were terrible days in our Empire's history. France, our great former ally, the nation that never faltered before Verdun twenty-five years ago, crumbled before the mighty onslaught of German mechanized power. The sudden fall of France brought near-panic on this Continent. But many had failed to reckon with the brilliant leadership with which Britain has always been blessed in time of crisis. And never has Britain been blessed with greater leadership than in this, the most titanic struggle in which she has ever been engaged.

The words and deeds of the Right Hon. Winston Churchill shall live through the centuries. We never tire

of the message he gave us in those fateful days, and which are known today as "A Briton's Creed."

"We shall go on to the end. . . We shall fight in France; we shall fight on the seas and oceans, we shall fight with growing confidence and growing strength in the air. . . We shall defend our island, whatever the cost may be. . . We shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and streets and in the hills. . . We shall never surrender and even if, which I do not for a moment believe, this island, or even part of it, is subjugated and starving, then our Empire across the seas, armed and guarded by the British Fleet, will carry on the struggle, until, in God's good time, the new world, in all its strength and might, sets forth to the rescue and liberation of the old. . . Britain will fight the menace of tyranny for years, and, if necessary, alone."

But thank God, it is not necessary for her to fight alone. Listen to the words of that equally great leader, the Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of our great friendly neighbor to the south:

"We have furnished the British great material support and we will furnish far more in the future. There will be no 'bottleneck' in our determination to aid Great Britain. No dictator, no combination of dictators, will weaken that determination by threats of how they will construe that determination," and again:

"I have the profound conviction that the American people are now determined to put forth a mightier effort than they have ever yet made to increase our production of all the implements of defence, to meet the threat to our democratic faith."

Surely it may be said of either Churchill or Roosevelt "He came to his Kingdom for such a time as this."

They remind me of a verse in Pauline Johnson's poem, entitled:

"And They Said, 'Fight On'."

"They've shot my flag to ribbons, but in rents
it floats above the height;
Their ensign shall not crown my battlements
while I can stand and fight.
I fling defiance at them as I cry,
'Capitulate?' Not I."

But there are times, when it appears to me, that the capable and brilliant leadership of these men distract our attention from the inspirational leadership provided by our Sovereign Lord King George and his gracious Queen. When others left London, they remained, even though their own home was bombed. Wherever there was suffering and death, there you would find our King and Queen, sympathizing, comforting, encouraging and bringing moral strength to their people to carry on, no matter what the cost. Listen to the quotation His Majesty used at the close of an Empire broadcast:

"I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year, 'give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.' And he replied, 'Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way'."

Surely, it may be said of our beloved King and Queen, "They came to their Kingdom for such a time as this."

Brethren, with such leadership, Britain I believe is invincible. I am sure that the leaders I have mentioned would prefer that we put our trust not so much in their leadership or our material resources, as in Him who is able to raise up other leaders, if that should become necessary, who is able to save by many or by few, if we trust Him implicitly, for, brethren, the struggle to maintain democracy requires citizenship of the highest order on the part of everyone.

Obedience to His Divine Will is what is needed today. "By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the promise.

For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God."

By faith Britain, when she was called to go out and do battle for the weak and the oppressed; to stop the pagan hordes of Hitler, obeyed; and went out, not knowing whither she went. By faith her soldiers, sailors and airmen sojourned, as in a strange country, dwelling in tents with their brothers-in-arms, the free men of all nations, the heirs with them of the same promise. For, like Abraham, they too, looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

Brethren when the material things in which we have placed our faith for so long are tumbling about us, are we ready to go out, all out, to find that city?

This is not a struggle between nations. It is a struggle between the forces of righteousness and truth, and the forces of evil. There is only one place for Freemasons to take their stand, Freemasons who not only declare their belief in God, but who put their trust in Him. Relying on such sure support, we may safely arise and follow guides like our King, Churchill and Roosevelt, with firm but humble confidence, until, (to use the words of Air Marshall William A. Bishop) "A world is established where little children can play in safety, where men and women can work in dignity and honor, and old men and women can face the sunset with peace in their hearts."

I close with words written by Lilian Leveridge, a girl from my old home town:

"This is the way of the British—

In the strength of their righteous cause,
Upheld by the hosts of Heaven,

They strike for their King and laws.
From what do they shrink—our soldiers?

They may lose in the fearful fray
Their lives, but never their honor,

Who fight in the British way.
Then here's to you, lads in the army,

And here's to you, lads on the sea;
 To your hands that are strong and steady,
 To your hearts that are true and free!
 Though long it be ere the dawning,
 It cometh at last—the day,
 When all that you've fought for, bled for,
 You shall win in the British way."

Fraternally submitted,
 JOHN JAMES HENDERSON,
 Grand Master

On motion of M.W. Bro. Hon. Justice W. J. Major (25), seconded by M.W. Bro. James Mackie (4), the address was referred to the Committee on Grand Master's Address. Carried.

As the Blackout was in pregress at this time of the session, the brethren sang, "Lead Kindly Light."

The Shrine Chanters rendered three fine selections which the brethren acknowledged in a most appropriate manner.

FRATERNAL GREETINGS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Letters extending fraternal greeting and good wishes were received from:

- M.W. Bro. Robert Hawkins, P.G.M. of Manitoba.
- M.W. Bro. V. A. Bowes, P.G.M. of Alberta.
- M.W. Bro. Eugene Naylor, Grand Master of North Dakota.
- M.W. Bro. W. L. Stockwell, P.G.M. and Grand Secretary of N. D.
- M.W. Bro. Chas. M. Hall, Grand Master of South Dakota.
- M.W. Bro. Col. F. W. Matson, P.G.M. of Minnesota.
- M.W. Bro. Sam A. Erickson, P.G.M. of Minnesota.
- M.W. Bro. Dan DeBaugh, Grand Master of Illinois.
- M.W. Bro. E. L. Lawrence, P.G.M. of Illinois.
- R.W. Bro. Karl J. Mohr, Deputy Grand Mastter of Illinois.
- R.W. Bro. Wm. Tinsley, Junior Grand Warden of Illinois.
- W. Bro. Jas. F. Russell, Grand Representative to

Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

W. Bro. Lloyd Peabody, Grand Representative to
Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

R.W. Bro. Louis Armit.

R.W. Bro. A. K. Cates.

R.W. Bro. J. P. MacKinnon.

W. Bro. A. E. Thompson.

The Grand Chapter of Manitoba, Order of the Eastern Star.

M.W. Bro. John T. Boyd suggested to the M.W. Grand Master that he ask the Grand Secretary to send telegrams to M.W. Bro. Eugene Naylor and M.W. Bro. Col. F. W. Matson, expressing regrets at their inability to attend our Sessions on account of illness and with best wishes for a speedy recovery. This was attended to.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

The Board of General Purposes begs to report as follows:
Seven meetings have been held since the 1940 Communication of Grand Lodge, and the following is a synopsis of business transacted:

JUNE 6TH, 1940.

R.W. Bro. G. R. Calvert became Chairman by virtue of his office. R.W. Bro. S. H. Fahrni was appointed Vice-Chairman.

The Committee to strike Standing Committees consisted of M.W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence (Chairman), M.W. Bro. George Hunter, M.W. Bro. John T. Boyd, R.W. Bro. Sam Burland, R.W. Bro. Harvey T. Waters.

JUNE 21ST, 1940

The report of the Committee to strike Standing Committees was received and adopted.

The sum of \$5,000.00 was voted to the Dominion War Effort.

The War Effort Committee was appointed: R.W. Bro. B. C. Parker (Chairman), M.W. Bro. W. J. Major; M.W. Bro. John T. Boyd; R.W. Bro. S. H. Fahrni; R.W. Bro. Alex. Burgess.

The Grand Secretary was instructed to circularize all Lodges and point out that when members were confined to Winnipeg Hospitals he should be notified in order that prompt visitation might be made.

SEPTEMBER 20TH, 1940

The War Effort Committee's Report was received and adopted. It recommended a Service of Witness in the Civic Auditorium—a campaign to raise \$50,000.00 by subscription from members and Lodges for the war needs of the Empire;—an effort be made to encourage members of the Craft to volunteer to receive into their homes children who had been evacuated from the Motherland.

The necessary Sub-Committees were appointed to carry out these recommendations.

NOVEMBER 15TH, 1940

The Sub-Committees on Grand Lodge War Effort reported—R.W. Bro. Rev. Canon G. R. Calvert stated that arrangements were complete for the Auditorium Service of Witness and Dedication on Sunday, November 17th.

M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas reported that with reference to the \$50,000.00 appeal, a meeting of Masters and Wardens of the First and Twelfth Districts and four Lodges of the Tenth Masonic District would be held on Saturday, November 23rd, to discuss the launching of the campaign.

R.W. Bro. Alex. Burgess (Chairman of Committee on the Care of Evacuated Children) reported that his Committee was ready to work as soon as children were moved to Manitoba.

East Star Lodge No. 55 having applied for permission to use temporary quarters because the building in which the Lodge Room was situated had been torn down, was granted permission to remain in temporary quarters for seven months, by which time it was hoped permanent Lodge accommodation could be secured.

FEBRUARY 21ST, 1941

R.W. Bro. B. C. Parker reported that Grand Lodge was registered under the War Charities Act, and the necessary Certificate had been received.

R.W. Bro. S. H. Fahrni reporting on behalf of the Jurisprudence and Appeals Committee on the resolution of Flin Flon Lodge No. 153 re Association with or membership in out-lawed bodies, pointed out that the machinery for coping with this is in the hands of all Lodges.

Report of a meeting at Brandon on January 20th showed twenty-three Lodges represented and a fine interest in the War Effort Campaign.

The Chinese Freemasons had made an application for a Charter from the Provincial Legislature for a Company to be known as "Chinese Freemasons Winnipeg Company Limited."

This application has been opposed by our Jurisprudence and Appeals Committee and it was withdrawn.

A new application had been made substituting Chinese words and the Committee was asked to look into the matter and get an English translation of the new name, and report.

APRIL 18TH, 1941

The request of Midlothian Lodge No. 90 for a Masonic Trial was referred to the Jurisprudence and Appeals Committee for a report.

Rivers Lodge No. 115 was granted permission to move to new premises when the District Deputy Grand Master reports the new quarters are satisfactory.

Programme Committee of Grand Lodge stated that Ven. Archdeacon A. P. Gower-Rees would be the speaker at the Thursday evening Session of Grand Lodge.

JUNE 4TH, 1941

The reports of the Standing Committees were presented and received for presentation to Grand Lodge.

By motion, the Charge made by Midlothian Lodge No. 90 was laid over until the meeting of the Board of General Purposes to be held on the third Friday in June.

May I in conclusion express my special thanks to the Grand Secretary, Rt. Wor. Bro. J. H. G. Russell, for his great help to me during my term as chairman of the Board of General purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE R. CALVERT,
Chairman.

On motion of R.W. Bro. Canon George R. Calvert (1), seconded by R.W. Bro. S. H. Fahrni (11), the report was received and adopted.

MASONIC DISTRICTS

M.W. Bro. D. S. Woods (90) moved that the Masonic Districts as at present constituted remain as they are for

the ensuing year, seconded by R.W. Bro. S. H. Fahrni.
Carried.

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Lodge was called from Labor to Refreshment by
Most Worshipful Bro. J. J. Henderson, Grand Master, until
10:30 a.m. tomorrow, Thursday, June 5, 1941.

Second Day

Thursday, June 5th, 1941

Morning Session

Grand Lodge was called from Refreshment to Labor at 10:45 a.m. by Most Worshipful Bro. J. J. Henderson, Grand Master.

M.W. Bro. Ralph W. Stanford, P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, was presented by M.W. Bro. John T. Boyd, graciously welcomed by our M.W. Grand Master and conducted to a seat in the East.

REPORT OF NOMINATIONS

The Grand Secretary reported the following nominations had been received for Grand Lodge Offices and the Board of General Purposes:

Grand Master:

R.W. Bro. Canon George R. Calvert, Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1.

Deputy Grand Master:

R.W. Bro. Stanley H. Fahrni, Gladstone Lodge No. 11.

Senior Grand Warden:

R.W. Bro. Ben C. Parker, St. John's Lodge No. 4.

Junior Grand Warden:

R.W. Bro. Samuel Burland, Stonewall Lodge No. 12.

R.W. Bro. Maris H. Garton, Doric Lodge No. 36.

R.W. Bro. Maurice S. Donovan, Tweed Lodge No. 113.

Grand Treasurer:

R.W. Bro. Alex. Burgess, Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3.

Grand Secretary:

R.W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell, "The Assiniboine" Lodge No. 114.

Grand Chaplain:

R.W. Bro. Rev. P. T. Pilkey, Ionic Lodge No. 25.

W. Bro. Wm. Reid, Carman Lodge No. 155.

Grand Historian:

M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas, St. John's Lodge No. 4.

Grand Director of Ceremonies:

R.W. Bro. Charles R. Sayer, Northern Light Lodge No. 10.

Grand Librarian:

R.W. Bro. Rev. C. E. Somerset, Lisgar Lodge No. 2.

Board of General Purposes:

R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington, Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1.

R.W. Bro. A. H. Steventon, Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3.

R.W. Bro. Samuel Burland, Stonewall Lodge No. 12.

R.W. Bro. Harvey T. Waters, Ionic Lodge No. 25.

R.W. Bro. Walter C. McDonald, Shiloh Lodge No. 70.

W. Bro. J. J. Bannerman, King Edward Lodge No. 93.

R.W. Bro. Hugh M. Kerr, Tweed Lodge No. 113.

R.W. Bro. Wm. McLellan, "The Assiniboine" Lodge No. 114.

R.W. Bro. W. J. Wilson, Norwood Lodge No. 119.

R.W. Bro. S. Hart Green, Mt. Sinai Lodge No. 143.

V.W. Bro. James Buchan, The Dormer Lodge No. 151.

District Deputy Grand Masters:

First Masonic District

W. Bro. Arthur V. Piggott, Northern Light Lodge No. 10.

W. Bro. Wm. H. McPherson, King Edward Lodge No. 93.

V.W. Bro. Samuel C. Taylor, Norwood Lodge No. 119.

Second Masonic District

W. Bro. E. A. Newcomb, Union Lodge No. 108.

Third Masonic District

W. Bro. E. B. Litz, Rathwell Lodge No. 87.

Fourth Masonic District

V.W. Bro. W. R. Leslie, Belmont Lodge No. 13.

Fifth Masonic District

- V.W. Bro. George V. Henderson, Strathclair Lodge No. 106.
W. Bro. E. E. Grant, Rivers Lodge No. 115.

Sixth Masonic District

- W. Bro. G. A. McMorran, Glenwood Lodge No. 27.

Seventh Masonic District

- W. Bro. H. J. Barter, Brandon Lodge No. 19.

Eighth Masonic District

- W. Bro. J. D. Lloyd, Emerson Lodge No. 6.

Ninth Masonic District

- W. Bro. A. J. Webb, Hiram Lodge No. 94.
W. Bro. John Livesey, Prince Arthur Lodge No. 105.
W. Bro. W. J. Brown, Jubilee Lodge No. 147.
W. Bro. J. D. Houston, Jubilee Lodge No. 147.

Tenth Masonic District

- W. Bro. R. M. Muckle, Lisgar Lodge No. 2.
W. Bro. J. R. Watson, Ophir Lodge No. 112.
W. Bro. A. G. Phillips, Kildonan Lodge No. 131.
W. Bro. T. L. Clayton, Stony Mountain Lodge No. 134.
R.W. Bro. Rev. Harry Sherstone, The Dormer Lodge No. 151.
W. Bro. Edward J. Kahle, Pine Falls Lodge No. 154.

Twelfth Masonic District

- W. Bro. George E. Miles, Capitol Lodge No. 136.
W. Bro. Nathan Rotshtein, Tuscan Lodge No. 141.

SCRUTINEERS

The Most Worshipful Grand Master had appointed the following brethren to act as Scrutineers, with power to add to their number:

- M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas (4), Chairman.
M.W. Bro. Harry Woods (130).
W. Bro. J. W. Tackaberry (4).

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

I herewith submit my report, as your Grand Secretary, for the year ending 31st December, 1940, being the Sixty-sixth Annual Report of this Grand Lodge.

The Annual Proceedings were compiled, printed and distributed as soon as possible after the close of the Grand Lodge Sessions.

All the necessary Certificates were prepared and issued, List of Grand Lodge Officers and Standing Committees, the usual Warning Circulars, together with all other Official Notices, were duly attended to.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

On the authority of the M.W. Grand Master, the following Commission as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, near the Grand Lodge of Alberta has been issued to M.W. Bro. Samuel Harris, Vice W. Bro. Brig. General J. S. Stewart. resigned.

The M.W. Grand Master recommended the appointment of the following as our Grand Representatives near the following Grand Lodges:

North Carolina.....	R.W. Bro. Robert Peel Vice-M.W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence, resigned.
Texas	V.W. Bro. H. G. Kilpatrick Vice-M.W. Bro. H. J. Pugh, resigned.
Canada (in Ontario) .	M.W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence Vice-M.W. Bro. J. C. Walker Reid, resigned.
Montana	R.W. Bro. M. S. Watson, LL.D. Vice-R.W. Bro. Edwin T. Johnson, resigned.
Arkansas	V.W. Bro. James D. Harrower Vice-W. Bro. James D. Reid, resigned.
Michigan	R.W. Bro. O. S. Ross, M.D. Vice-M.W. Bro. Rev. A. B. Baird, D.D., Deceased.

Oklahoma	V.W. Bro. Harry M. Smith Vice-R.W. Bro. John Pollock, resigned.
Puerto Rico.....	V.W. Bro. George V. Henderson Vice-W. Bro. Lorne S. Taylor, resigned.
Utah	R.W. Bro. Donald MacDonald Vice-R.W. Bro. Dr. Jas A. Martin, Deceased.

DISPENSATIONS

By the authority of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, the following Dispensations were issued:

To attend Church Service in Regalia.....	33
Lodges Nos. 7, 12, 13, 14, 15 (2), 24, 27, 29, 36, 40, 50, 63, 75 (2), 82, 92, 102 (2), 108, 111, 116, 117, 123, 124, 127, 128, 133, 134, 136, 154, 155.	
Masonic Districts: 1st, 6th, 7th, 12th.	
Amendments to By-Laws.....	14
Lodges Nos. 1, 3, 43, 62, 67, 114, 115, 123, 124, 125, 138, 153, and new sets of By-Laws for, 54, 120.	
Change of Date or Hour of Meeting.....	16
Lodges Nos. 27, 30, 49, 67, 71, 77, 82, 108(2), 110, 124, 125, 128, 132, 134, 141.	
Special Meetings.....	6
Lodges Nos. 19, 84, 104, 124, 144, 153.	
Elections and Installations.....	9
Lodges Nos. 19, 49, 70, 82, 102, 104, 136, 138, 154.	
To confer Degrees within the prescribed time.....	4
Lodges Nos. 27, 94, 100, 123.	
Permission to Re-ballot.....	1
Lodge No. 143.	
Joint Installations	8
Lodges Nos. 11 and 24, 19 and 113, 105 and 147, 131 and 151.	
Total.....	91

The returns from all of the Constituent Lodges covering their year's operations were received, the returns of two Lodges Nos. 82 and 126 did not come to hand until after the close of our financial year at March 31st, 1941. It would be a great help to the Grand Secretary's Office if closer attention was given to the provisions of s.s. (f) of Section 114 of our Constitution.

Manitouwapa Lodge, working U.D. was consecrated and presented with its Charter No. 156 on the Grand Register, on September 4, 1940, and the Officers duly installed.

I regret to report that there has been a net loss in membership for the year of 161, in large measure due to a drop in the number of affiliations, and loss through suspensions and death, as shown by the following table of statistics:

Number of Lodges at December 31st, 1940.....	104		
Membership of our Lodges at Dec. 31st, 1939.....	10,278		
Errors in Lodge returns.....	4		
			<hr/> 10,274
	1939	1940	
Initiated	207	202	
Affiliated	129	91	
Re-instated	40	57	
	<hr/> 376	<hr/> 350	
			<hr/> 350
			<hr/> 10,624
Loss by Demitted.....	159	135	
Loss by Suspension.....	193	202	
Loss by Death.....	155	174	
	<hr/> 507	<hr/> 511	
			<hr/> 511
Membership at December 31st, 1940.....	10,113		
Net Loss for the year.....	161		

Forty-three Lodges had no suspensions, let all of our Lodges strive to be on such an Honor Roll.

Degrees conferred during the year:

Initiated	202	
Passed	178	
Raised	170	550

Life Members:

There are 1102 Life Members in the Jurisdiction, being over 11% of the membership, distributed through ninety of our Lodges; In two of them, their Life Members represent 35% and 36% of their membership. This is a situation that should be rather disturbing to the Lodges concerned, and to Grand Lodge.

- 33 Lodges had an increase in Membership.
- 21 Lodges remained stationary.
- 50 Lodges had a decrease in Membership.

The following table shows the change in our Membership during the past five years:

	Suspensions	Demits	Deaths	Net Loss
Membership in 1936..10,855	204	159	140	209
Membership in 1937..10,658	229	157	140	196
Membership in 1938..10,409	265	181	157	225
Membership in 1939..10,274	193	159	155	131
Membership in 1940..10,113	202	135	174	161

We express our deep sympathy with Sister Grand Lodges, who have lost their Grand Secretaries, through death, since our last Communication, in the persons of:

M.W. Bro. Archie S. Harriman..Grand Lodge of Vermont,
Died 8th January, 1941.

M.W. Bro. Curtis F. PikeGrand Lodge of Idaho,
Died 17th January, 1941.

R.W. Bro. Thomas G. Winning..Grand Lodge of Scotland,
Died 26th March, 1941.

V.W. Bro. John Whicher.....Grand Lodge of California,
Died 31st March, 1941.

R.W. Bro. Frank F. Baker.....Grand Lodge of Georgia,
Died 2nd April, 1941.

Each of these brethren had given very devoted service to their Grand Lodge and to the cause of Freemasonry in general and will be greatly missed by those with whom they have worked for so many years.

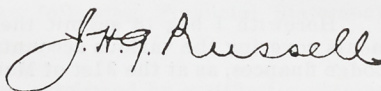
Courtesies

Under the direction of the M.W. Grand Master, requests to confer Degrees have been made to our Sister Grand Jurisdictions, for Manitoba Lodges, and requests have been received, to confer Degrees for Sister Grand Jurisdictions. We thank our Sister Grand Jurisdictions for the courtesies they extended to us.

We extend our thanks and appreciation to Grand Jurisdictions and Masonic friends for Masonic Publications sent to the Grand Secretary's Office, which are finally passed to our Library.

It was a great pleasure to accompany our M.W. Grand Master on his Official Visits and thank him for his kind consideration at all times. Our thanks are also extended to the Grand Lodge Officers, District Deputy Grand Masters, and the Secretaries of the Constituent Lodges for their fine co-operation during the year.

Fraternally submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. H. G. Russell". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the title "Grand Secretary."

Grand Secretary.

On motion of R.W. Bro. Canon George R. Calvert (1), seconded by M.W. Bro. Harry Woods (130), the report was referred to the Committee on Grand Secretary's Report. Adopted.

REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master,
Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge
of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Herewith I beg to submit the following duly audited statements covering the various accounts in connection with the Grand Lodge finances, as at the 31st of March, 1941:

General Fund:

- Exhibit "A". Balance Sheet.
- Exhibit "B". Statement of Income and Expenditure.
- Exhibit "C". Statement of Receipts and Disbursements.
- Schedule "1". Accounts Receivable.
- Schedule "2". Details of Miscellaneous Expenditures.

Benevolent Endowment Fund and Beneficiary Fund:

- Exhibit "D". Balance Sheet.
- Exhibit "E". Statement of Income and Expenditure.
- Exhibit "F". Statement of Receipts and Disbursements.
- Schedule "3". Details of Cash Receipts.
- Schedule "4". Statement of Beneficiary Fund.
- Schedule "5". Mortgage Loans, Interest, Taxes and Insurance, etc., Receivable Benevolent Endowment Fund.

All bonds owned by Grand Lodge are fully registered. They have been inspected by the Auditor and found to be in order.

Fraternally submitted,

ALEX. BURGESS,
Grand Treasurer.

April 3rd, 1941.

To the Most Worshipful The Grand Master,
Officers and Members, Grand Lodge of Manitoba,
A.F. & A.M., Winnipeg, Manitoba.

We desire to report that we have audited the accounts of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer of The Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M., for the year ended March 31st, 1941, and in connection submit the following Financial Statements.

Cash in Bank:

The balances at Bank were confirmed by certificates obtained by us direct from the Bank.
Investments:

The securities representing the investments were inspected by us and found in order.

All Bonds and Debentures are fully registered in the name of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba A.F. & A.M.

The Interest due on the Province of Alberta Debentures is in default five years.

Yours truly,

ADAM ARMSTRONG & CO.,
Chartered Accountants.

Exhibit "A"

BALANCE SHEET
GENERAL FUND
As at March 31st, 1941

ASSETS

Current:

Cash in Canadian Bank of Commerce	\$2,874.01	
Cash in Hand (Petty)	5.52	
Accounts Receivable (Per Schedule "1")	1,285.25	
		<u>\$4,164.78</u>

Inventories:

Supplies and Stock	\$3,050.00	
Valued at		1.00

Equipment:

Furniture and Fixtures	\$ 881.00	
Regalia	750.00	
Library and Fixtures	2,200.00	
	<u>\$3,831.00</u>	
Valued at		1.00

\$4,166.78

LIABILITIES

Beneficiary Fund (Loan)	\$3,000.00
Surplus (Per Exhibit "B")	1,166.78
	<u>\$4,166.78</u>

We have audited the accounts of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba A.F. & A.M. for the year ended March 31st, 1941, and we have obtained all the information and explanations required.

After due consideration we have formed an independent opinion as to the position of the Corporation.

In our opinion, so formed, and to the best of our information and the explanations given to us, we certify that the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up and sets forth fairly and truly the state of the affairs of the Corporation as at March 31st, 1941.

All transactions of the Corporation that have come within our notice have been within the objects and powers of the Corporation to the best of our information and belief.

ADAM ARMSTRONG & CO.,

Chartered Accountants.

Winnipeg, Man. April 3rd, 1941.

Exhibit "B"

**STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
GENERAL FUND**

For the Year Ended March 31st, 1941

INCOME

Dues	\$ 9,090.00
Initiations	408.00
M.M. Certificates	390.00
P.M. Certificates	68.00
L.M. Certificates	92.00
L.M. Fees	460.00
Dispensations	81.00
Supplies	381.56
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	\$10,970.56

EXPENDITURE

Salaries	\$4,020.00
Rent	1,000.00
Postage and Stamp Tax	259.44
Stationery and Office Supplies	215.83
Regalia Grand Master	280.00
Expense Grand Master	500.00
Insurance	48.00
M.M. Certificates	51.84
P.M. Certificates	24.30
L.M. Certificates	29.70
Masonic Research and Educational Fund .	8.80
Library Maintenance	1,211.27
Jewel P.G.M.	20.00
Exchange	24.85
Miscellaneous (Per Schedule "2")	2,509.81
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	10,203.84

Net Operating Profit \$ 766.72

Deduct:

Donation Dominion Government War Fund 5,000.00

Net Deficit for Year \$ 4,233.28

Surplus as at March 30th, 1940 5,400.06

Surplus as at March 31st, 1941 \$ 1,166.78

Exhibit "C"

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
GENERAL FUND**

For the Year Ended March 31st, 1941

RECEIPTS

Subordinate Lodges	\$11,444.45	
Cash Sales—Supplies, etc.	23.45	
Exchange	4.30	
Postage15	
Beneficiary Fund (Loan)	4,000.00	
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Total Receipts	\$15,472.35	
Cash in Bank, April 1st, 1940	\$4,252.08	
Cash in Hand, April 1st, 1940	16.32	
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		4,268.40
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		\$19,740.75
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DISBURSEMENTS

Donation, Dominion Government		
War Fund	\$5,000.00	
Salaries	4,020.00	
Rent	1,000.00	
Postage and Stamp Tax	259.59	
Stationery and Office Supplies	215.83	
Regalia Grand Master	280.00	
Expense Grand Master	500.00	
Insurance	48.00	
M.M. Certificates	51.84	
P.M. Certificates	24.30	
L.M. Certificates	29.70	
Masonic Research & Educational Fund ..	8.80	
Library—Maintenance	1,211.27	
Jewel P.G.M.	20.00	
Supplies	192.78	
Beneficiary Fund Loan Repaid	1,000.00	
Benevolent Fund (Life Members' Fees) ..	460.00	
Exchange	29.30	
Miscellaneous (Per Schedule "2")	2,509.81	
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Cash in Bank, March 31st, 1941	\$2,874.01	16,861.22
Cash in Hand, March 31st, 1941	5.52	
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		2,879.53
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		\$19,740.75
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Schedule "1"

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE
GENERAL FUND

As at March 31st, 1941

No.	Name of Lodge	Amount
2.	Lisgar	\$ 76.05
4.	St. John's	33.00
8.	King Solomon .....	.70
11.	Gladstone .....	.50
12.	Stonewall .....	.50
14.	Prince of Wales	148.95
29.	Carberry	32.50
51.	Treherne	40.60
52.	Hartney	50.15
63.	Holland	1.25
64.	Composite	16.90
68.	Vermillion	5.00
70.	Shiloh	13.25
71.	Crystal	1.40
77.	Napinka	52.00
82.	Cypress	109.60
87.	Rathwell .....	.75
93.	King Edward	10.50
100.	Robbie Burns	1.95
101.	Binscarth	179.00
107.	Lansdowne	28.50
111.	Acacia .....	.40
115.	Rivers	2.70
121.	St. James	85.00
123.	Transcona	6.00
126.	Favel	20.50
128.	Victory	2.00
138.	Windsor	253.60
140.	Meridan	2.90
144.	Fort Osborne	3.20
148.	Seven Oaks	54.00
154.	Pine Falls	2.35
155.	Carman	54.45
		<hr/> \$1,290.15

Credits

55.	East Star	\$.05
129.	Beaver	4.35
151.	The Dormer .....	.50
		<hr/> 4.90
		<hr/> <u>\$1,285.25</u>

Schedule "2"

**DETAILS OF MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURE
GENERAL FUND****For the Year Ended March 31st, 1941**

Particulars	Amount
Proceedings	\$ 684.99
Grand Lodge Communication	512.37
War Effort Committee	415.85
Audit	150.00
Telephones and Telegraph	117.90
Travelling	190.30
Flowers	24.00
Christmas Cards	34.56
Masonic Relief Association	57.32
List of Lodges	54.16
Engrossing Charter	27.00
Warning Circulars	23.76
City Directory	21.60
Safety Deposit Box	15.00
Typewriter Inspection	11.50
Amendments to Constitution	15.66
Memoriam Cards	42.12
Certificate (Grand Master)	9.18
Indemnity Bond (Grand Secretary)	3.75
Addressograph	4.13
Miscellaneous	94.66
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	\$2,509.81
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Exhibit "D"

BALANCE SHEET BENEVOLENT ENDOWMENT FUND AND BENEFICIARY FUND
As at March 31st, 1941

ASSETS

Current:		
Cash in Canadian Bank of Commerce	\$ 5,854.96	
Cash on Hand	163.98	
General Fund Loan	3,000.00	\$ 9,018.94
Investments:		
Mortgage Loans	\$ 8,439.63	
Mortgage Interest Unpaid	419.05	
Mortgage Taxes, Insurance, Legal, etc. Advanced	95.47	
		\$ 8,954.15
	Par Value	
Province of Manitoba Debentures	\$ 96,000.00	\$88,201.25
Greater Winnipeg Water District Debentures	16,000.00	16,045.00
Province of Saskatchewan Debentures	21,000.00	21,000.00
Province of Alberta Debentures	10,000.00	10,000.00
Province of British Columbia Debentures	15,000.00	14,955.00
Point Grey Debentures	10,000.00	9,925.00
Dominion of Canada Bonds	42,000.00	41,595.00
Canadian National Railway Bonds	8,000.00	8,000.00
City of Winnipeg Debentures	2,433.33	2,177.83
		211,899.08
	<u>\$220,433.33</u>	
Beneficiary Fund:		
Province of Manitoba Debentures	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
Dominion of Canada Bonds	5,000.00	5,000.00
		9,500.00
	<u>\$ 9,500.00</u>	<u>\$230,353.23</u>

Property:

174 Perth Avenue \$ 1,422.73

Acquired Through Foreclosure:

191 Ethelbert Street	5,871.81
1025 Grosvenor Avenue	4,217.70
926 Jessie Avenue	2,811.54
299 Waverley Street	10,955.39
275 Harvard Avenue	9,313.23
66 Waterloo Street	9,543.55
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	44,135.95

LIABILITIES

Surplus (per Exhibit "E")	\$283,508.12
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	\$283,508.12
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We have audited the accounts of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba A.F. & A.M. for the year ended March 31st, 1941, and we have obtained all the information and explanations required.

After due consideration we have formed an independent opinion as to the position of the Corporation.

In our opinion, so formed, and to the best of our information, and the explanations given to us, we certify that the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up and sets forth fairly and truly the state of the affairs of the Corporation as at March 31st, 1941.

All transactions of the Corporation that have come within our notice have been within the objects and powers of the Corporation to the best of our information and belief.

ADAM ARMSTRONG & CO.,
Chartered Accountants.

Winnipeg, Man, April 3rd, 1941.

**STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
BENEVOLENT ENDOWMENT FUND AND
BENEFICIARY FUND**

For the year ended March 31st, 1941.

INCOME

Interest—Bonds and Debentures....	\$10,152.53	
Premium—Bonds and Debentures....	420.00	
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		\$10,572.53
Interest—Montgages		637.79
Life Members' Fees.....		460.00
Donations Lodges.....		465.69
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		\$12,136.01

EXPENDITURE

Beneficiary Fund (Per Schodule "4")..	\$ 6,155.30	
Exchange	11.34	
Tax Deducted U.S. Bond Interest.....	243.49	
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		6,410.13
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Net Income for year.....		\$ 5,725.88
Surplus as at March 30th, 1940.....		\$277,782.24
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Surplus as at March 31st, 1941.....		<u>\$283,508.12</u>

Exhibit "F"

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
BENEVOLENT ENDOWMENT FUND AND BENEFICIARY FUND
For the Year Ended March 31st, 1941

RECEIPTS

Total Receipts (Per Schedule "3")	\$17,783.67
Cash in Bank, April 1st, 1940	3,999.40
	<u>\$21,783.07</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Bonds Purchased	\$2,177.83	
Accrued Interest	44.79	
	<u> </u>	\$ 2,222.62
Accrued Interest on Bonds Exchanged ...		9.34
Beneficiary Fund		6,155.30
Mortgage, Loans, Taxes, Insurance and		
Legal		24.75
Real Estate. Taxes, Insurance, Repairs		
and Collection Commissions:		
174 Perth Avenue	\$ 156.25	
191 Ethelbert Street ...	770.86	
1025 Grosvenor Avenue.	250.78	
926 Jessie Avenue	114.60	
299 Waverley Street ...	653.99	
275 Harvard Avenue ...	349.31	
66 Waterloo Street	801.50	
	<u> </u>	3,097.29
Exchange		11.34
Tax Deducted U.S. Bond Interest		243.49
Loan General Fund		4,000.00
		<u> </u>
Total Disbursements		15,764.13
Cash in Bank, March 31st, 1941	\$5,854.96	
Cash on Hand, March 31st, 1941	163.98	
	<u> </u>	6,018.94
		<u>\$21,783.07</u>

Schedule "3"

DETAILS OF CASH RECEIPTS
BENEVOLENT ENDOWMENT FUND AND BENEFICIARY FUND

For the Year Ended March 31st, 1941

Mortgage Principal:

Loan No. 5.	\$ 250.00	
30.	200.00	
37.	334.40	
38.	100.00	
40.	213.02	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,097.42

Mortgage Interest:

Loan No. 2.	\$ 75.71	
5.	90.09	
12.	210.31	
30.	45.00	
37.	6.00	
38.	94.50	
40.	117.01	
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Mortgage Taxes and Insurance, etc:

Loan No. 5.	13.89	
12.	90.90	
	<hr/>	104.79

Rents Received (Property):

174 Perth Avenue	\$ 260.87	
191 Ethelbert Street	467.00	
1025 Grosvenor Avenue	540.00	
926 Jessie Avenue	360.00	
299 Waverley Street	787.50	
275 Harvard Avenue	720.00	
	<hr/>	3,135.37

Taxes Rebated—66 Waterloo Street	104.44	
Loan Repaid (General Fund)	1,000.00	
Interest and Premiums Bonds and Debentures	10,777.34	
Donations	465.69	
Life Members' Fees	460.00	
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\$17,783.67

Schedule "4"

STATEMENT OF BENEFICIARY FUND

For the Year Ended March 31st, 1941

No.	Name of Lodge	On Account of	Amount
1.	Prince Rupert	Mrs. E. H.	\$ 105.00
2.	Lisgar	Mrs. F. J.	50.00
3.	Ancient Landmark	W. P.	84.00
3.	Ancient Landmark	Mrs. M. C.	180.00
3.	Ancient Landmark	Mrs. D. O'C.	120.00
3.	Ancient Landmark	Mrs. C. J. T.	120.00
4.	St. John's	Mrs. C. W.	180.00
4.	St. John's	Mrs. J. R.	90.00
4.	St. John's	Mrs. F. J. B.	120.00
4.	St. John's	C. R. McL.	120.00
7.	Assiniboine	Mrs. G. R. H.	25.00
8.	King Solomon	J. H. S.	40.00
10.	Northern Light	Mrs. E. E. B.	60.00
10.	Northern Light	Mrs. E. M. Q.	10.00
11.	Gladstone	Mrs. M. E.	30.00
12.	Stonewall	Mrs. McF.	240.00
12.	Stonewall	Mrs. G. W.	120.00
24.	Neepawa	Mrs. F.	180.15
25.	Ionic	Mrs. E. E. D.	180.00
25.	Ionic	Mrs. J. L. McQ.	120.00
27.	Glenwood	J. C.	15.00
40.	Deloraine	Mrs. G. B.	135.00
40.	Deloraine	Mrs. G. R. A.	180.00
43.	Lebanon	A.M.	120.00
43.	Lebanon	Miss B. T.	144.00
48.	Glenboro	Mrs. C. H.	90.00
51.	Treherne	A.M. W.	20.00
55.	East Star	T. A. A.	25.00
62.	Russell	A.M.	180.00
63.	Holland	Mrs. B. L. S.	150.00
63.	Holland	Mrs. E. F.	60.00
68.	Vermillion	Mrs. W. H. L.	120.00
84.	Hamiota	Mrs. I. R.	50.00
92.	Shoal Lake	Mrs. J. J.	120.00
93.	King Edward	H. G.	240.00
93.	King Edward	Mrs. J. G. H.	165.00
93.	King Edward	D. G. S.	35.00
94.	Hiram	Mrs. F. G. H.	130.15
100.	Robbie Burns	Mrs. E. J. B.	120.00
102.	Miniota	J. P.	180.00
Forward			\$4,453.30

Schedule "4"

STATEMENT OF BENEFICIARY FUND (Continued)

For the Year Ended March 31st, 1941

No.	Name of Lodge	No.	Name of Lodge	
	Forward			\$4,453.30
106.	Strathclair	R. E.		70.00
108.	Union	G. W. K.		170.00
111.	Acacia	Mrs. H. H.		180.00
112.	Ophir	Mrs. B. B. T.		300.00
119.	Norwood	J. McD.		50.00
119.	Norwood	Mrs. V. H.		120.00
120.	Penza	Mrs. M. M. M.		120.00
121.	St. James	Mrs. J. MacG.		180.00
124.	The Pas	Mrs. M. J.		110.00
131.	Kildonan	Miss A. P. S.		60.00
136.	Capital	Mrs. E.		105.00
143.	Mt. Sinai	Mrs. F. G.		10.00
144.	Fort Osborne	Mrs. L. F. M. B.		120.00
154.	Pine Falls	Mrs. A. G.		144.00
	Flowers			3.00
	Legal Fees			15.00
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				\$6,210.30
Less:				
	Refunds			55.00
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				\$6,155.30
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**MORTGAGE LOANS, INTEREST, TAXES AND INSURANCE,
ETC., RECEIVABLE**

BENEVOLENT ENDOWMENT FUND

As at March 31st, 1941

	Principal	Interest	Taxes, Insurance, Legal, etc.
Loan No. 2.	\$1,700.00	\$ 419.05	\$ 44.25
Loan No. 5.	1,150.00		
Loan No. 12.	1,700.00		48.22
Loan No. 30.	600.00		
Loan No. 37.			3.00
Loan No. 38.	1,500.00		
Loan No. 40.	1,789.63		
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	\$8,439.63	\$ 419.05	\$ 95.47

On motion of R.W. Bro. Alex. Burgess (3), seconded by R.W. Bro. A. H. Steventon (3), the reports of the Grand Treasurer and the auditors were received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE GRAND HISTORIAN

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and
Accepted Masons.

The report which will be submitted by the War Effort Committee at this Annual Communication along with the address of the Grand Master, and the printed Proceedings in general will relate the principal events of the year 1940-1941. These records will amply cover the current history of the Craft in Manitoba.

Following the precedent which I set last year, I have decided to place upon our permanent pages a most interesting item, the MSS of which came into my possession several years ago. It is the first written story of Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1, prepared by the Secretary of the Lodge and carries the date 1877.

That date takes us back to the disturbing days of the schism which occurred in our Grand Lodge shortly after it was organized. In "Freemasonry in Manitoba" four Chapters are devoted to the events of the period, now, we present another voice—that of W. Bro. George R. Carruthers. This, is indeed an historic document. It was carefully prepared by one of the active participants and it is fitting we should preserve such rare original items in the records of Grand Lodge. Here, then, is the early story of one of the pioneer Lodges in Western Canada.

SKETCH
of the History of
Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1, G.R.M.,
A.F. & A.M.
from the year of its organization 1870
Compiled by
Bro. G. F. Carruthers
Secretary, 1877

To the W.M. and Brethren of Prince Rupert's Lodge
No. 1, G.R.M.
Brethren:-

"It is with extreme diffidence that I have entered upon the task of compiling a sketch of the history, however meagre, of our beloved Lodge, from the time of its inception to the present date. The lot should have fallen on one whose pen would be gifted with greater histrionic powers than my own; however, in endeavoring to carry out the commands of our respected

M.R.W. Bro. Conklin upon placing this Book in my hands, viz; "to write it up," I found in doing so that it entailed this effort on my part, and believing that the only way to overcome difficulties is manfully to tackle them, I have thrown together as best I could, the few following data gathered from old Minute Books and other sources of a like nature, trusting that the brethren will cover the raggedness, and baseness of my diction with that mantle of charity which looks leniently upon the shortcomings of a Brother and which is ever the glory and boast of our fraternity to accord to those seeking its shelter. Without further apology, then I submit this humble effort for your approval.

In the year 1870 or 5870 of the Masonic era, the Brethren of the Mystic Tie who then happened to be in Winnipeg as members of the 1st expedition, assisting to uphold as all good Masons should, the Laws of their Country, feeling the solitariness and weakness of this position as individual, wandered from the various Lodges that clustered under the maternal wing of the G. L. of C. and looking back with a yearning feeling of regret to the many pleasant evenings spent in social gathering with their fellow laborers in the Divine Craft in far away Ontario, decided to muster their scanty forces, and if possible, inaugurate a Lodge in which the various units would be amalgamated again under one head, and form once more, an integral part of the Mother from which they sprang.

To this end then, a dispensation was asked and obtained from the G. L. C. to form a Lodge to be known as the "Winnipeg Lodge." The first meeting was called for the 10th day of December, 1870, in the upper flat of the McKenny Building, corner of Main Street and the Portage Road. There, in a room illy adapted for Masonic purposes, the Lodge furniture home-made, though not by any means to be despised on that account, if we may judge by the specimens that have been handed down to us in the chairs of the principal Officers which will attest to the skill of an amateur carpenter of B. W. Bro. Bradley, now the W.M. of Emerson Lodge, then one of the most energetic of the early members in assisting to arrange things decently and in order as far the means available in those pioneer days would permit. The dispensation from the G. L. C., to form a Lodge, was laid before the brethren present and the following Officers were elected:-

Bro. B. L. Patterson.....	W.M.
W. M. Kennedy.....	S.W.
M. Coyne.....	J.W.
J. F. B. Morris.....	Treasurer
H. I. Champion.....	Secretary

Two other Bros., D. M. Walker and Ed Armstrong, do not appear to have been provided for, but it is probable that they acted as S. and J. D. Bro. Dingman, the other Charter member was absent. And thus, my brethren, was Freemasonry planted in our young Province by this little Band of "Seven", just sufficiently to make a Lodge perfect. Planted in hope and brotherly love, this seedling has already sprung into being as a flourishing young tree, though efforts are being made to curtail its sturdy growth, we will probably find in the end that the systems that would endeavor to sap its branches, has only been giving time for the roots to strike more firmly into the soil, and that when the proper period arrives and it is once more at liberty to take advantage of the free air of heaven that its offshoots will cover the land from the banks of the Red River in the East, to the base of the Rocky Mountains in the West, binding the brethren not only to one another with that "Mystic Tie" that cements us all, but uniting the whole Craft of the North West Territories in one bond of fraternal love to the grand tiara of Lodges that cluster on the Register of the G. L. of C. In doing so, they will be carrying out the 2nd article of our Constitution, which amongst other things stated "that a Mason is zealously to promote the prosperity of his own Country" and how can an earnest Mason do this more efficiently than by instilling into the Brotherhood a love for home institutions and by carefully avoiding those practices that flourish only under an Alien Flag, it is by rigidly adhering as far as possible to our own manners and customs that we can ever hope to nourish a feeling of Nationality without which Canada will in vain dream of becoming great. But to return to the subject of our Lodge which ushered into existence under the name and title of the "Winnipeg Lodge". The second regular step that the brethren appear to have taken is to appoint Bros. Coyne, Walker and Armstrong a Committee to arrange for a Dinner for the first celebration of St. John's Day in Manitoba and following close upon the heels of this move, is the appointment of a Committee to procure the necessary jewels and regalia for the Lodge. This may be said to close the initial Chapter of our history as the same night Dec. 22/70, the ballot was passed for the election of Officers and the Lodge entered upon the first full Masonic year of its existence.

It would be neither interesting or useful for me to give in detail, every little incident that followed in quick succession, they can be gathered at the leisure of any Brother from the Minute Books, suffice it to say that the Lodge rapidly grew in strength and numbers. Perhaps, looking back by the light of later events a little too rapidly, considering the foundation that was being laid, the material, in some instances might have been selected with greater care, and the superstructure today would have been more firm and compact than it is. However, it is very

far from my intention to throw any slight on the efforts of those who have built up the Craft in this Province. They have acted for the best and it is not to be wondered that in a homogenous society, like what is to be found in every new country, the base metals have sometimes passed for the true gold.

At an emergency meeting held January 6th, 1871, a letter was read from the G. L. of C. authorizing a change in the name of the Lodge from the "Winnipeg" to Prince Rupert's Lodge, which, on the motion of Bro. W. N. Kennedy, seconded by Bro. Coyne, was done, and Prince Rupert's Lodge emerged from the chrysalis state, full-fledged as No. 240 on the G. R. C. In tracing the Minutes on further, I find that after an emergency meeting held May 30th, '71, the name of W. Bro. Patterson disappeared from the Minute Book, and at the next meeting held on the 15th August, Bro. W. N. Kennedy is entered as W. M. No explanation of the change is given, beyond a statement that a Committee was appointed to draft an address to Bro. Patterson, whereby we are led to infer that the Bro. from some good reason, doubtless was obliged by private circumstances, to resign the position of W. M. and Bro. W. N. Kennedy was elected to the vacancy. which position he filled with such satisfaction to the Craft that he was twice successively re-elected.

St. John's Day, '71, was celebrated by a Grand ball in what is now known as the old "Standard" Building, but which was then looked upon as a magnificent Block and a rapid stride toward an advanced stage of architecture.

Amongst the invited guests appear to have been Lt. Gov. Archibald and family, the members of the Government and the Heads of Departments, the Officers of the Garrison, as well as the American Officers, and indeed, all the Notables of the day. The fact that Bro. G. B. Spencer was Master of Ceremonies, is a sure guarantee that all went off well and from my own remembrance of the affair, it was the most brilliant gathering that has ever taken place in the annals of Masonry in this Province.

The next interesting occurrence that I find recorded, is the affiliation of R. W. Bro. James Henderson, Dec 19th, '71, hailing from Yetland Lodge No. 21 G.R.C. Becoming sometime afterwards, an ardent advocate of the American Ritual, and therefore finding the atmosphere of our Lodge, incongenial. he asked for and obtained his Demit. He is now one of the most distinguished and prominent of the leaders of that branch of the Brotherhood that practise the A. Y. Nite, and is looked up to with respect and admiration by his party. Twice he has been elected D.G.M., which honorable position he holds today.

By vote of the Lodge, Jan. 16th, '72, it was decided that it would require two black bans to reject a Candidate, instead of one, as formerly.

May the 21st, '72, we find Bro. Henderson making an appeal against the decision of the R.W.D.D.G.M. with regard to a motion not being in order to recommend the granting of a Charter for the establishment of a new Lodge, unless said motion had appeared in the circular for that meeting, as a notice of motion. This is chiefly interesting as fixing the date when the first action appears to have been taken towards forming a second Lodge in Winnipeg.

Going back in our record a little, I observe that the Brethren had been obliged to leave their quarters in the McKenny Building sometime about May, '71, and that arrangements were entered into with Bro. Wm. Drever to meet temporarily in his house, which is conclusive evidence that accommodation was pretty scarce at that day; whether the Lodge ever did meet in Bro. Drever's house, I cannot say, finding no record of it, but at any rate, not more than one communication could have been held there, as within a month, negotiations were entered into with Bro. Ashdown for a room in the building now known as his old store, and here, the work was carried on until Oct. 1st, '72, when Bro. Ashdown sent word that he required the premises. Accordingly, another move had to be made, stakes were pulled up once more and a migration determined upon into a room owned by Bro. Dawson and over the store now occupied as a Millinery Establishment by Mrs. Dawson. This, however, was only a short respite; a relentless fate seemed to follow Prince Rupert's with the command to "move on"; as soon as the Brethren would begin to feel familiar with any one place, the proprietor would find out that he required that particular space, and bag and baggage had to be packed again, a flight was determined upon this time to our present quarters, June 16th, '74. and for three years there has been a calm, though almost daily the Brethren may expect to hear again the mandate so familiar to a London vagrant, to "move on" and the reply "where to" has yet to be answered.

Following Bro. Henderson's motion with reference to the formation of a new Lodge, we find that at the next meeting in June, '72, it was moved by Bro. Holland, seconded by Bro. Cowper, that this Lodge do recommend the formation of a new Lodge in Winnipeg, to be called the Ancient Landmark under the G.R. of Canada, to be first, W.M. Bro. J. Henderson, which was carried. It is unfortunate that our first offshoot should have

proved recalcitrant to the principals instilled into its early youth. In all other respects, however, it is a child that Prince Rupert's may be proud of.

In December, '72, the W.M. Bro. W. N. Kennedy was appointed by the G.L.C. as D.D.G.M. for the Province of Manitoba, an appointment, which it is needless to say, gave general gratification to the Brethren. February 7, '73, death, the great equalizer of all mankind, made his first inroad into our ranks and removed our Brother G. W. Webster to that Mansion not made with hands eternal in the skies. It is satisfactory to know, in looking back upon this melancholy incident, that the Brethren acted up nobly. In the precepts of our order, Bro. Webster, though without any social ties in this Province, and struck down by a lingering and infectious disease, was never deserted in his hour of trial. Everything was done that brotherly love could suggest to alleviate his sufferings, and after all was over, the last sad offices performed, a message of condolence was sent to his family living at Guelph, Ont. That their efforts were appreciated, the following extract from a relative's letter will show:

"Will you, at the earliest opportunity, on my mother's behalf, thank the W.M. and Brethren of P. R. Lodge, for their kind expression of sympathy and I can assure them that the copy of their resolution is greatly prized and carefully treasured, I have also to ask you to thank them for me, for their promptness and generosity in advancing for me the cost and expenses of my poor boy's last illness and say that it will be my duty and pleasure to repay to their treasury, the sum advanced, at the earliest date. I can do so; meanwhile, I greet them as Masons and thank them as poor George's brother."

This is the first call that was made by a "Distressed Brother." upon our charity and let the manner in which it was met, be an example to us for future time.

In January, '74, the Brethren, thinking that our meetings would be somewhat enlivened by music, voted \$75 for the purchase of a melodeon, and Bros. W. N. Kennedy, McMicken and T. H. Parr procured the instrument which now ornaments our hall. It is to be regretted that its tones are not more often heard; it appears as if it were more likely to "rust out" than wear out. However, for what music we have listened to from it, we are principally indebted to M.W. Bro Kennedy and our worthy S.W. Bro. Y. Villiers.

For our tessalated pavement, we are indebted to Bros. Y. D. Parr and Rickands. It was their gift in April of the same year

that witnessed the purchase of Melodeon. Bro. Hunter also presented, at the same time, some article of Lodge furniture, though what it was exactly, the Minutes do not state. The worthy example of these Brothers in their endeavor to add to the appearance of the Lodge, seemed to have stimulated all the Brethren to such an extent that at their October meeting in '74, they voted \$200 for the purpose of furnishing the Lodge room, and though this was a very handsome sum for a young Lodge to devote to such a purpose, still such was the high cost of everything in those days, that it went but a very little way towards any very great adornment.

At our meeting, May 18th, 1875, the W.M. Bro. John Kennedy reported that as a representative of this Lodge, he had attended a convention called for the purpose of forming a Grand Lodge in the Province of Manitoba, that a Grand Lodge had been formed, and he had much pleasure in presenting to the Lodge, one of their members as G.M. elect, viz., M.W. Bro. W. C. Clark, Ph. D., A.B., etc. The W.M. also stated that he had requested the G.M. to allow this Lodge, as being the oldest in the Province, to wear Gold Jewels, which request has been graciously granted and that for the future, "Prince Rupert's" would be known as No. 1 on G.R.M.

It may not be out of place to state here, that thus far, our Lodge had had the distinguished honor of claiming as members, all the G.M.'s that have held jurisdiction in the G.L. of Manitoba.

The granting this privilege of the Jewels necessitated a change in those worn, which had hitherto been of silver. Accordingly a very handsome regalia was procured from a Montreal firm at a cost of (?), and those on hand were disposed of to St. John's Lodge, a grandchild of Prince Rupert's, which had lately put in a claim for existence, and was then under dispensation for the sum of \$50. This figure was subsequently reduced to \$25 in order not to bear too hardly on the slender resources of the young Lodge. I believe, however, that it is still gathering interest, even at the latter figure.

Thus far, then Brethren, we have followed the history of our Lodge from the time of its formation in 1870 to the time of its taking its place as the Senior Lodge on the G.R. of M. in 1875. During that time, the growth of Masonry had been something marvellous. Prince Rupert's book contained over 130 names; two new Lodges had sprung into existence, viz., Ancient Landmark of whose formation we have already taken notice, and Lisgar Lodge at the Stone Fort, and already the formation of others, now in existence, was mooted.

Hitherto, everything had gone merrily as a marriage bell, the only strife between the Brethren, being as to who should excel in kindly feeling and hospitality one to another, and in forwarding to the utmost, the best interests of Masonry, but as this was not to continue, the handwriting was on the wall, foretelling the trouble that has since arisen, but unfortunately the warning was unheeded, and the course that should have been adopted at the very outset of the trouble, was left to more convenient season, and the disease which might have been checked and totally eradicated at its first appearance by a little firm treatment has now spread to such an extent that it has endeavored to infect the very land, that in mistaken kindness, spared. But to cease speaking in enigmas, I allude, as the Brethren well know, to the introduction of the American Ritual into our midst. The Brethren of Prince Rupert's and Lisgar Lodges, I am ashamed to say, slumbered and slept, whilst this system was allowed to take root and flourish and with shortsighted policy, they complacently folded their hands and looked on at the formation of new Lodges whose working was familiar, in the majority of cases, only to those Brethren who hailed from the United States. So soon was the dream of the little band of seven who first planted Masonry on these shores, to be dispelled. The hope that the fraternity of the North West would continue to be as one Lodge has been broken, and today we have Lodges in which a Brother from Ontario might think he had made a mistake in the Order to which they belonged, were it not for certain tokens which no Masonic system can ignore; in all other respects, nothing is familiar or homelike. This, however, is not the worst feature of the case. The Brethren who introduced this alien system should have accepted the courtesy which permitted its practice, in view of the fact that occasionally a Brother or two dropped in from across the line, and not have repaid with ingratitude, the kindness that spared them their existence in their infancy. What can we think of a system that teaches its followers to take advantage of the accidental weakness of a Brother, however admirable may be the appearance of its form? There must be a deficiency somewhere. At our last G.L. meeting in June of the current year, the Brethren of Prince Rupert's, Lisgar, and Emerson Lodges, all working under the Canadian system, the same which prevails in the G.L. of England, were rudely awakened from their apathy and made conscious of the fact that the stranger they had admitted as the guest, had suddenly taken advantage of an unguarded moment to deprive them of their heritage, or force them to bend the neck to a foreign yoke. In a few words then, taking advantage at last G.L. meeting, of the absence of representatives from those Lodges working under the Canadian Ritual, who from bad roads and other good causes, were unavoidably kept away, and depriving the representatives of Emerson Lodge of a vote, on the plea of being under dispensation,

though they had a right to claim it by courtesy and precedent, the representatives of St. John's Lodge, the previous year having been accorded all their privileges, though also at that time, U. D. disregarding the solemn protests of Masons high in rank and years, as to the disastrous effect such a proceeding would have upon the welfare of the Craft, and by the unparalleled spectacle of the G.M. elect, upon taking his seat, immediately reverting a decision of the retiring G.M. whose position and long experience should have entitled his opinion to some respect, by such means as these were a minority enabled for the time being to force this unwelcome system upon the acceptance of the majority.

What has been the result of this questionable triumph upon the fortunes of Prince Rupert's? Truly we might be well content with the present policy, if we had only ourselves to think of, never before has Prince Rupert's Lodge been in such a flourishing condition, under the able and energetic management of our worthy M., efficiently assisted as he has been by Bro. J. Villiers, S.W., and Bro. W. G. Scott, J.W. Our members have steadily increased, our financial condition is good, our work is well performed and with the best material. But Brethren, let us bear in mind that though under these adverse circumstances we have flourished, yet in other parts of the Province, Masonry has been paralyzed. Lodges that would have been formed under other circumstances are held in abeyance, the Charters of some existing Lodges are coveted, and a feeling of suspicion and distrust is abroad, very incompatible with the teachings of our Creed. These are unpleasant truths, but we must not be afraid to look them squarely in the face on that account; difficulties fairly met are half conquered and it rests very much with Prince Rupert's to say whether she is really to be the No. 1 Lodge of the Province, the teacher and pattern of Masonry in the North West, the destiny that was intended, for her, or whether she is to sink into isolated insignificance, carrying no weight or influence outside of her own councils."

This is the story as it was written over sixty years ago.—The original manuscript has been carefully copied. The justification for making it the basis of your Grand Historian's report is that the passage of time inevitably robs us of the personal touch of the men who participated in important events. Here, we present the actual record and it is fraternally submitted with many happy recollections of Worshipful Brother Carruthers, the author of the article.

WILLIAM DOUGLAS,
Grand Historian.

On motion of M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas (4), seconded by M.W. Bro. George Hunter (10), the report was received and adopted.

COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE AND APPEALS

To the Most Worshipful, The Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

The Board of General Purposes through its Committee on Jurisprudence and Appeals begs to report as follows:

During the year last passed three questions have been submitted to your Committee by the Board of General Purposes and all have been dealt with as follows:

The first question was a resolution passed by a Constituent Lodge in this Province, requesting that the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, write every Lodge in the Grand Jurisdiction, warning the brethren against association with or membership in bodies which have been outlawed by the Parliament of Canada for subversive activities and suggesting certain definite penalties. While your Committee was in sympathy with the principle involved in the request we believed that, strictly speaking, the matter did not come within the scope of the duties of your Committee as laid down in the constitution. It appeared that the request presupposed that Lodges throughout this Grand Jurisdiction were honeycombed with men actively engaged in subversive undertakings which your Committee believed is not a fact. In case there are Lodges in this Jurisdiction where difficulties of that kind have arisen, your Committee pointed out that the machinery for coping with same was already in the hands of all Lodges. Reference was made to the applicable sections of the Book of Constitution. It was the opinion of your Committee that it would be unwise to circularize Lodges or Worshipful Masters as suggested in said request. If, however, the Most Worshipful, The Grand Master, wished to send to any Worshipful Masters some message stressing their responsibility under the Constitution, we could see nothing unconstitutional in his so doing. Your Committee reported to the Board of General Purposes accordingly.

The second question was that of an application to the Province of Manitoba for the incorporation of "The Chinese Freemasons of Winnipeg Co., Ltd." Your Committee was successful in preventing the issue of a Charter under such Company name, and the Chairman on being questioned by the Department gave assurance that no objections would be raised in granting a Charter giving a corporate name which contained no words which referred to or could be confounded with "Freemasonry" or the words "Masonic," "Freemasons" or other words of similar import. The Charter was issued granting the Company the

following corporate name, "Winnipeg Chee Kung Tong Bak Gee Woy Co., Ltd." The translation which your Committee has been able to obtain for that name makes it plain that it is simply the Chinese words for "The Winnipeg Masonic Chinese Benevolent Society Ltd." The Committee then protested to the Department which declined to make any change, pointing out that the Charter was already issued. The Committee, however, filed with the said Department its objections purporting to reserve to the Grand Lodge the right to make further protest should the said Company at any time in the future use the English translation for its corporate name or in any way hold itself out as a body of Freemasonry, and to take such action as the Grand Lodge may deem ample.

The third question referred to your Committee was a charge purporting to be laid by certain brethren of Midlothian Lodge No. 90, charging that Bro. had been charged with obtaining money under false pretense in July, 1940, had pleaded guilty and was sentenced to one year in gaol. The charge expressed the desire of the Lodge that the brother should be expelled from the Order. Since this was the first charge of Masonic Offence lodged under the new Constitution, and since the Board of General Purposes thought it wise that a form of charge should be so framed as to form a precedent for future cases, the matter was referred to your Committee. After ascertaining the facts, your Committee drafted a charge suitable to the circumstances and had same forwarded to the Secretary of the Lodge in question so that the Lodge could constitutionally prosecute its charge under the terms and provisions of the new Constitution.

Your Committee desires to commend the fine spirit of service and co-operation which has been evident throughout the Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction in the year last past, made evident by the fact that the Grand Master has not deemed it necessary to make any rulings as affecting the Craft.

In conclusion your committee wishes to offer congratulations to the Most Worshipful The Grand Master, and to the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge for the harmonious relations which have existed during the year. We wish also to extend our thanks to the Right Worshipful, The Grand Secretary, for the able assistance which he was always so ready and willing to give your Committee in discharging its duties,

All of which is fraternally submitted.

STANLEY H. FAHRNI,
Chairman, Committee on Jurisprudence
and Appeals.

On motion of R.W. Bro. Stanley H. Fahrni (11), seconded by R.W. Bro. S. Hart Green (143), the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence and Appeals was received and adopted.

COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF FREEMASONRY

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes, through its Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry, begs to report as follows:

One of the duties of this committee is to make a close study of the conditions of Freemasonry in this Grand Jurisdiction. Your committee has endeavored to do this by careful study of the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters and of the Secretaries of the various constituent Lodges, and by personal contacts through attendance at District meetings and Lodge meetings throughout the year. Returns from Lodges show a slight decrease in membership, but the reports from the District Deputy Grand Masters indicate a healthy condition generally.

During the year under review no Lodge has become dormant, no Lodge has asked permission to surrender its Charter, neither has there been any Lodge under dispensation, so that the committee has not been called upon to investigate or report with regard to any of these matters.

From the financial viewpoint most of our Lodges are in a sound position, and the total net assets are shown to be \$422,000. It is important in considering this amount, to bear in mind that there is a wide variation in the assets of different Lodges. For example, one Lodge is shown to possess net assets of over \$46,000, while a Lodge at the other extreme has only \$100.

These net assets do not include the amounts in arrear for dues. Once again, attention must be drawn to the unsatisfactory condition of the Lodges generally with regard to the matter of arrears; and the attention of Masters and Secretaries is directed to the provisions of Section 227 of the Constitution which deals with this subject. It is impossible, in many cases to reconcile the figures shown by Secretaries on Form 20 with this Section

which provides that suspension for non-payment of dues is automatically effective with respect to all members who, on the 31st day of December in any year, are in arrear for the then current year's dues and the dues for the preceding year. Nevertheless, the Form 20 returns by Secretaries, in many instances show amount in arrear which can only be correct if dues for more than two years are being charged against some of the delinquent members. The total amount of arrears for the whole jurisdiction is shown as \$26,044.

The amount expended directly by the constituent Lodges for charity and relief is \$6,448.

In a number of Lodges the disbursements for the year have been in excess of the receipts for the year, even when initiation fees are treated as current revenue. This is a condition which has drawn adverse comment from the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry in previous years, but the fault has not been remedied. In our opinion, every Lodge should so manage its finances that its expenditures do not exceed its current receipts from dues and investments. We believe, therefore, that Lodges as a rule, should not include initiation fees, or fees for affiliations in their items of current receipts, but that these fees should be set aside and added to the capital assets of the Lodge, to the end that financial stability may be assured. In some Lodges, failure to live within their incomes has already resulted in a condition which threatens their very existence.

From the Secretaries' reports on Form 20, a discouraging fact emerges with respect to the Study Groups. In the year 1933-'34 there were 73 Lodges with active study groups. Since that time there has been a continuous and rapid falling off in the number of study groups. In the year under review, the number has been reduced to only nineteen.

Most Lodges now have their historical registers kept efficiently, but there are exceptions, and it is recommended by your committee, that in these cases the District Deputy Grand Masters be asked to insist that these valuable records be brought up-to-date.

Some Lodges have failed to have their secretaries bonded. This, too, should have the attention of the District Deputy Grand Masters, who should make sure that the requirements in this regard as set out in S. S. (m) of Sec. 132 of the Constitution are fulfilled.

From a review of the reports sent in by the Secretaries on Form 20, it is apparent that while a very large majority of them

are careful, conscientious and efficient, there are some who, through lack of interest or incapacity, either do not understand, or understanding, do not properly complete their returns. In other cases, even when the returns have been completed, they are not forwarded to the Grand Secretary in time. Indeed, the Secretaries of two Lodges were so dilatory in sending their reports and these were not received by the Grand Secretary in time to be used in the preparation of the Statistical Tables for the year.

There is, perhaps, no office which so greatly determines a Lodge's efficiency as that of Secretary. A Master is elected, occupies his chair in the East for a year, and then graduates to the ranks of the Past Masters. Secretaries, on the other hand, usually occupy that office for a long period of time, and the knowledge, diligence, tact and skill they show can assure a continuity which cannot be so well gained in any other way. The Secretary can be, and usually is, the guide, philosopher and friend of the other officers including the Worshipful Master, and can through his experience show them how to avoid many of the pitfalls which might otherwise beset them. It must be remembered too, that the maintenance of satisfactory co-operation between the Lodges and the Grand Lodge, depends upon the care with which the individual secretaries perform their duties. For these reasons your Committee strongly urges that very great care should be taken in the selection of the Secretary, and that only a member possessing the necessary qualifications be chosen. We believe that the office of Secretary, where possible, should be filled by a Past Master, whose ability and zeal for the Craft have been proven. For the assistance of Secretaries, and in order that there may be a better understanding of their duties, and too, as a medium of inspiration for the Lodges themselves, it is recommended to the incoming Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry, that it should arrange a meeting of Secretaries, as soon as possible after this Communication of Grand Lodge. Very great benefit has resulted from the meetings of the newly elected District Deputy Grand Masters, and your Committee feels that similar benefit would result from a meeting of Secretaries.

It is not proposed to make a detailed report on the examination of Form 21 as submitted by the District Deputy Grand Masters, but we deem it advisable to deal with some matters which emerge for such examination. We call the attention of District Deputy Grand Masters to the importance of making their reports full and accurate, and of forwarding the report for each Lodge to the Grand Secretary immediately after the official visit. This will enable the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary to keep more closely in touch with the work of the District Deputy Grand Master, and to assist him whenever necessary. It will

also enable the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry to receive the report in good time, and if there is anything in the report which should receive attention, the committee is given a better opportunity of co-operating.

In our opinion, all of the District Officers should be men of experience in the work, and should be members of Grand Lodge; that is, they should be Past Masters, or sitting Masters or Wardens. As the sitting Masters and Wardens have their own duties to perform, and as in some sense they are called upon to undergo inspection and examination by the District Officers, it is the part of wisdom to select all District Officers from the Past Masters. In some cases, District Officers have been chosen, who were not even members of Grand Lodge. It is recommended that in the future, members of Grand Lodge, and they only, be elected or appointed to District offices. Under the amendment to the Constitution made at the last communication of Grand Lodge, District Deputy Grand Masters are now nominated and elected by ballot by the members of Grand Lodge from their respective districts in attendance at the annual communication. One of the purposes sought to be accomplished by this amendment was to avoid the unwise and unjustifiable practice which had arisen in some districts, of electing the District Deputy Grand Master from the Lodges, by a system of rotation. The chief object in view should be to choose the Past Master who is best fitted to fill the office and who can most successfully bring new life and interest to his Lodges. The District Deputy Grand Master, as his title indicates, is the Deputy and direct representative of the Grand Master. The same qualities of mind and heart should, therefore, be sought in selecting him as in the case of a Grand Master. The meeting which has been arranged for the newly elected District Deputy Grand Masters on Friday next should be of very great benefit, not only to them, but to the other Grand Lodge officers who attend it. It is expected that a better understanding of their duties and responsibilities will be obtained by the District Deputy Grand Masters, and that through personal acquaintance with one another and with other Grand Lodge officers, a fine spirit of co-operation will be engendered, while a common understanding of the difficulties and problems which face the Craft will result in a common determination to meet and overcome them. District Deputy Grand Masters serve as intermediaries and interpreters of Grand Lodge to the Lodges, and of the Lodges to Grand Lodge. Through their efforts a closer contact between the Lodges and Grand Lodge can be brought about, with a resultant realization of the unity and harmony which should exist within the Craft, of which Grand Lodge and the Lodges are complementary parts.

Your committee suggests that District Meetings should properly devote more time and create more intense interest in the study of Freemasonry, and the inculcating of its lessons, and to the general business of the Craft, and less time to the social aspects of the gatherings. We do not propose that the customary entertainment should be done away with, but we believe that in view of the conditions of today, and the necessity for the saving of all available funds for our country's war needs, no entertainment of a lavish kind should be provided. It might be well too, that programs at the refreshment hour be shortened so as to permit sufficient time being given to the more serious aspects of the meeting.

The Reports on the Condition of Freemasonry over a long period have recommended year after year that the District Deputy Grand Master witness the conferring of a degree in every Lodge officially visited by him, and that in any Lodge where a candidate is not available, the ceremony of conferring a degree be exemplified, using a member of the Lodge to represent the candidate. Despite these recommendations, the reports for the current year show that in most cases no degree was witnessed. A District Deputy Grand Master is required to answer for the information of your committee the question—"Can the Master confer the three degrees?" Since it is physically impossible for him to see all three degrees conferred in each Lodge in his District, we feel that if he has witnessed the conferring of one degree, and has been satisfied as to the deportment and skill of the Master, he may properly accept the opinion of competent Past Masters of the Lodge that the Master is capable of conferring the other degrees. However, it is difficult to understand how a District Deputy Grand Master can certify that a Master can confer the three degrees if he has not seen one of them conferred, and if, as is sometimes the case, there has been no candidate initiated in the Lodge during the time the Master has occupied his chair. We recommend that it be made a specific requirement that each District Deputy Grand Master witness the conferring of a degree by the sitting Master and his Officers at the time of his visit to the Lodge. The Masters of all Lodges should be notified that they will be expected to confer or exemplify a degree at the time of the official visit. Your committee has reached the conclusion that many Masters have passed through the chairs who are unable to confer in its entirety any degree, much less all three degrees. We suggest for the consideration of the incoming committee some plan to make sure that every Master is able to confer all three degrees before his term of office expires. One plan mentioned, which might receive consideration, is that every Junior Warden be required to fit himself to confer the Entered Apprentice Degree, as if he were

Master; that the Senior Warden, in addition to the Entered Apprentice Degree, should fit himself to confer the Fellowcraft Degree as if he were Master, so that when an officer reaches the Master's chair, he will require to qualify himself for the conferring of the Master Mason's Degree.

From the reports of District Deputy Grand Masters of some districts it appears that serious consideration has been given to the amalgamation of Lodges, where, through changed conditions of population or for other reasons, the field available to Freemasonry has been narrowed to a point where a Lodge may be unable to survive. We recommend that in the ensuing year, this matter receive the earnest attention of the District Deputy Grand Masters, and the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry.

Your Committee is deeply concerned about the number of Lodges where several of the Junior Officers have been absent from the meeting at which the District Deputy Grand Master was paying his official visit. This state of affairs has continued for some years and it shows no sign of improvement. The occasion of this visit is the most important in the Masonic year, and it may well be assumed that if these delinquent officers ignore the District Deputy Grand Master and his high position, they will not bother much about the ordinary meetings of the Lodge. The Reports for the past year show that more than one District Deputy Grand Master has deemed it necessary to deplore this lack of interest. From the Junior Officers of a Lodge the future rulers of the Craft are to be chosen and if they shirk their responsibilities, the Lodge is certain to be affected detrimentally. The remedy lies with the Lodge itself. Under Sec. 134 of the Constitution "Any Officer of a Lodge except the Master may be dismissed from office at any regular meeting for cause deemed sufficient by a majority of the members present"

The most serious problem facing the Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction is the dearth of new candidates. This condition must occasion serious heart-searching on the part of all of us, because we have a deep and abiding love for the fraternity and because we are convinced of its good effects and its beneficent influence in the community. The beautiful and soul-stirring service of dedication at the Winnipeg Auditorium in November last, followed by church services of Districts, and Lodges throughout the Jurisdiction has done much to quicken interest in the Craft. The opportunity of making some sacrifice on the altar of Freemasonry afforded through the War Effort Fund has also brought about a quickening of interest. But there is a great work still to do. It is necessary for us to search our own

consciences, and to judge fairly whether we have put forth honest efforts to live our daily lives in accord with the teachings of Freemasonry. Have the young men in our community learned to regard us as moral and spiritual leaders and have they been thereby impelled to seek membership in the Craft? We fear that on the whole the answer must be in the negative and that the dearth of petitions for membership in our Lodges may be a most serious indictment of ourselves. Masonry must continue as an instrument of good and to that end must attract to itself the best young men, so that they may hold high the torch of brotherly love, relief and truth, when those of us who now are charged with keeping alive the sacred Masonic fire have rested from our labors. If the light from our Masonic altar so shines as to command the respect and admiration of those living in our several communities, the world at large will be convinced of the value of Freemasonry.

The condition with which we are now dealing grows more serious with the passing of time. The average age of the members of the Craft is steadily rising, because, all of the present members are growing older, year by year, and there is not the influx of young men needed to keep that average down. If we are to regain and retain the life, vigor and vitality which our Lodges must have, we must convince young men that Freemasonry has something of peculiar value to give to them, and that it not only can serve them, but that they can serve it.

We record our deep appreciation of the services rendered by the District Deputy Grand Masters during the year. They have shown a commendable spirit of co-operation, and their reports have enabled your committee to make a comprehensive study of the many subjects with which we have been called upon to deal. We have pleasure in recommending that the Rank of Past District Deputy Grand Master be conferred on each of the following:

- R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington, D.D.G.M., 1st Masonic District, Winnipeg.
- R.W. Bro. J. McKenzie, D.D.G.M., 2nd Masonic District, Portage la Prairie.
- R.W. Bro. D. MacDonald, D.D.G.M., 3rd Masonic District, Ninette.
- R.W. Bro. W. A. Pommer, D.D.G.M., 4th Masonic District, Manitou.
- R.W. Bro. C. H. Bayfield, D.D.G.M., 5th Masonic District, Shoal Lake.
- R.W. Bro. A. E. Draper, D.D.G.M., 6th Masonic District, Elgin.
- R.W. Bro. Dr. O. S. Ross, D.D.G.M., 7th Masonic District, Virden.
- R.W. Bro. W.C. McDonald, D.D.G.M., 8th Masonic District, Roland.
- R.W. Bro. J. M. Bateman, D.D.G.M., 9th Masonic District, Dauphin.

R.W. Bro. F. W. Brownell, D.D.G.M., 10th Masonic District,
Winnipeg.

R.W. Bro. Alf. Phillips, D.D.G.M., 12th Masonic District, Winnipeg.

Fraternally submitted,

BEN. C. PARKER,

Chairman,

Committee on the Condition of
Freemasonry.

On motion of R.W. Bro. Ben. C. Parker (4), seconded by M.W. Bro. George Hunter (10), the report of the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry, was received and adopted.

COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Correspondence herewith submits its Annual Review of the Proceedings of other Grand Lodges which have been received.

During the year, Masonry has continued to feel the harsh heel of the dictator on the Continent of Europe. Countless news items have told the grim story of the destruction of Lodges and brutal treatment of members, whose only crime was that they were Masons. How far and in what direction the dictators will reach in days to come only the future can tell. Certain is the fate of Masonry when the dictator comes into power.

In the interest of all concerned, further recognition of Foreign Grand Lodges will probably be delayed till peace times return again.

England's membership has shown a substantial gain. The small Lodges which are encouraged there and the disapproval of the so-called "higher" bodies by the Grand Lodge, are said by Englishmen to be strong contributing factors in this growth.

Conditions in general throughout the Craft showed improvement, increased attendance, applications for the degrees likewise were more numerous, while losses were distinctly less. The

loss for the year was so small compared to other years that one is lead to believe that the time is near at hand when an actual increase will be the order.

So, with continuing faith in the future of this Grand Lodge, your Committee respectfully submits its review.

Fraternally submitted,

HUGH M. KERR,
Chairman.

On motion of R.W. Bro. H. M. Kerr (113), seconded by R. Bro. J. H. G. Russell (114), the report of the Committee on Correspondence was received and adopted.

COMMITTEE ON INVESTMENTS

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes through the Committee on Investments, begs to report as follows:

For the year ending March 31st, 1941, the investments of Grand Lodge show an increase over the previous year of \$5,725.88. These investments will, however, be somewhat reduced when decision has been made as to Real Estate at 66 Waterloo St., Winnipeg, for which the Grand Lodge now holds title.

There has been no change during the year with respect to the \$10,000 of Alberta Bonds on which no revenue has been received for five years. The Investment Committee are of the same opinion as previous Committees, viz., that one-half of the rate agreed upon is not acceptable at the present time.

Mortgage Loans have been reduced from \$12,037.05 to \$8,439.63, a reduction of \$3,597.42. This is accounted for by one mortgage maturing and being paid off and title being secured for 66 Waterloo St., which is now shown under Real Estate.

The amount shown under Real Estate is increased from \$35,431.98 to \$44,135.95, which is accounted for by including 66 Waterloo St. under this heading rather than under Mortgage

Loans. In connection with Real Estate, a considerable sum must be expended on property at 275 Harvard Ave. to place in good order and save further deterioration.

The Par value of Bonds owned by Grand Lodge amount to \$229,933.33 as against \$227,500.00 last year. This difference is made up by the purchase for \$2,433.33 of the City of Winnipeg debentures.

Total Assets of Grand Lodge amount to \$283,508.12 as against \$277,782.24 last year, an increase of \$5,725.88.

Returns on Investments are satisfactory with the exception of the Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) of First War Loan Bonds, and Alberta Bonds in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00). The situation has not improved with respect to re-investment in Bonds of stability which will guarantee a satisfactory return in interest.

The Investment Committee has given considerable thought to the property at 66 Waterloo Street, Winnipeg. Due to the size of this home, it does not seem possible to either sell or rent same. It is necessary to keep the house and grounds in good repair, and over the last few years considerable sums have been spent in this connection.

The Investment Committee has been fortunate in having the professional services of our Grand Secretary. Due to his long experience in connection with buildings in the City of Winnipeg, we have the benefit of his knowledge and comprehension which has been of inestimable value to the Investment Committee.

The sum of \$6,155.30 has been disbursed to the Beneficiary Fund during the year.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

H. T. WATERS.

It is moved by R.W. Bro. Harvey T. Waters (25), seconded by R.W. Bro. Wm. McLellan (114), that the report of the Committee on Investments be received and adopted.

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Lodge was called from Labor to Refreshment by Most Worshipful Bro. J. J. Henderson, Grand Master, at 12:20 p.m. until 2:30 p.m.

LUNCHEON

Luncheon was given the members of Grand Lodge and Distinguished Visitors at the Royal Alexandra Hotel, at 12:30 noon, by the Masons of the First and Twelfth Masonic Districts, under the auspices of the Past Masters' Association of Winnipeg, W. Bro. George Florence (146), President of the Association presided.

Bro. Wilf. Davidson entertained the guests with several delightful solos, his accompanist was V.W. Bro. J. J. Lyon, Grand Organist.

W. Bro. George Florence, the Chairman, in his very happy remarks gave a warm welcome to all present, and then introduced the guest Speaker, W. Bro. Rev. Russell McGillivray, B.A., B.D., Minister of Augustine Church, Winnipeg, who gave the following address.

ADDRESS OF

W. BRO. REV. RUSSELL MCGILLIVRAY, B.A., B.D.

Mr. Chairman, the Grand Master and Brethren all: It is a great event in my life to speak to such a gathering as this. I never dreamed of the possibility of speaking in front of the Grand Master, and in the presence of the members of Grand Lodge. You see when I was master of a lodge it was a humble village lodge in the county of Northumberland, in the Province of Ontario. In those days it was a wonderful privilege to get up to Grand Lodge and to be allowed in. As for addressing Grand Lodge it was a thing never dreamed of, and if you did dream of it it would be a nightmare. I have only one dream now to be fulfilled in my own life in speaking to a group. I attended the University of Toronto and occasionally there used to be great gatherings in Convocation; distinguished men gave addresses, and I was always impressed. I used to think that some day when I became a most distinguished graduate of the University it would be the most natural thing for the University to honor that graduate, and I would stand on the platform and give the students the dickens just as those distinguished men gave it to us. The only difficulty about it was that these

men who came to us—I hope none of them are here—always looked as if they knew everything, and talked just the same, and I am not getting away with that. I don't say I don't know everything but I can't look that way.

Now I would like to talk with you for a while about the present situation; how in the present situation we can do things. We are doing a lot today; we are lamenting a good deal about the fix we are in, and explaining how we got there; that we were all wrong at Versailles, the League of Nations didn't work out; somebody had a fool notion about disarmament, and persuaded too many people. Somebody else thought we could appease mad dogs and went in for appeasement. Those things were a failure, and right from 1919 until recently they account for the mess, and we wring our hands and cry, but we can cry as much as we like, it won't change the present situation. We may get our history and facts ready, to find out the cause but it won't change the present hour. The fact of the matter is that some people who are concerned about the present hour would be satisfied if we stay as cry-babies. Then on the other side a lot of people are very busy today painting pictures, very interesting word picturees they are, of what it is going to be like in the post-war world. It is great to take a lot of time and size up these picturees and get your blue-prints all ready, but the fact of the matter is we can get the whole city laid out in that city that is to be, and all our laying out will not have one thing to do with the present situation, now. In the words of the song that some of you know from your background, "Now is the day, and now is the hour". It is not what we failed to do in 1919, it is not what we may be able to do in 1945; it is what we have to do in 1941. Now in any points that I have tried to make in these few minutes I shall be charged with two things: somebody will say I am a pessimist; go to it! I don't mind being called gloomy; one of the keenest men in the world was called "the gloomy dean". Some will say I am not giving credit for what has been done, but I am, but I don't believe enough has been done in many lines now; the credit is O.K.; don't let us get fogged up by giving too much credit, to imagine we have finished any job.

You take for instance a suggestion that is made that in that brave new world all the things of Democracy are going to be glorious; there are not going to be any interests; there is only to be one interest, and that is, the good of the people, the welfare of all. Men are not going to clamour for office, and when they do get into office they are going to accept it as a responsibility, that they will never use the power selfishly for friends or party—in that brave new day. They say that democracy, if it has failed, will fail no more; democracy will be real; we will be hitting on all cylinders; we shall mean every word we say when we repeat "Government of the people by the people for the people", in that brave new world. If that is to be true in 1950, why, under the pressure of today, in 1941—why cannot these things be the impelling motive now? If the welfare of the people is of supreme importance in 1950 the welfare of the people is the supreme interest now. No interest of any kind should be able to compete with the general good, and if it is true that men are going to accept office as a responsibility of their citizenship, to forget party lines, to forget all the selfish things that have been too real in our Government life, then why not make those things true now? Why wait until some pressure comes that is more intense than that of today; why not now?

We are told that in that brave new world industry is going to find solutions for its problems; that labor of course will organize, that capital will organize, but they will not organize to destroy each other; they will organize to get the job done because the job will need to be done in that new world.

There will no longer be long streams of drab ugly unthinkable tenement houses, no longer the pressure of fear of unemployment, and there will no longer be the horror of extravagance and luxury of the new rich or the old rich. Life will not be uninteresting, it will not be the dead level of any Communistic existence. Life will be fair, not dominated by anything as high-flown as justice, but controlled by decent everyday fairness as man to man in getting the job of life done, and getting the things done that go under

the general heading of industry. Now my friends, if that is to be true in the brave new world why in the world can't it be true now? We have more of a job of work to do now than we are ever likely to have; we should be working together, not working against each other, and if we believe what we are saying, labor and capital should see to it that the solutions which they say are round the corner should be dragged away from round the corner and brought to the forefront of our situation today. I contend today that that is not true in our industrial set-up in the Dominion of Canada; we have not yet in labor and in capital been seized by the imperative nature of the job we are facing in 1941. I talked to a workman yesterday; he said he had to go to work fifteen minutes before his hour in order to get certain explanations from the last shift, and stay fifteen minutes after his time in order to make explanations to the next shift, and he said "I am getting half an hour overtime for that." I said "Do you mean to say you are sticking the Company for that?" He said "I sure am, they are sticking me plenty." He in making war material and the Company is on war work. Now they think they are going to iron that out some day. I would like to see them iron it out now; we need it now.

Then we turn to a field that perhaps I know better about than politics and industry—the field of the church. There I have to go kind of easy because there are a number of ministers present, and the door is on the other side of the room. I hear a number of great things about what the church is going to do after the war. They are not going to build churches, as we know churches, any more; they are going to build so that a community can be served; they are not going to be concerned about love of institution but about human love. They are going to be satisfied with helping the questing soul of man to find the way of life; they are not any longer going to say one way is right and one way is wrong; that there is one true church and others are not true; they are not going to speak any longer of "inside" and "outside", but as men are groping and hungering we are going to meet that situation as those who believe not only in human language but in the call of human per-

sonality as being of exceeding more importance than any institution, no matter how great the church may be. That is going to be a great thing in the days to come; why not now? We need it now. We need that spirit to pervade our life now. Men are asking more questions now than probably they will be in 1950; there will likely be more broken hearts in 1941 than 1951; there are more chances to serve today than there may be in those days to come; who knows what those days may bring? I illustrate from my own church—any members of my church can drag me on the carpet for this—but we have been concerned about a movement to raise a sum of money to clear a deficit of 1,700,000 dollars seven years from now—a laudable enterprise. The churches of the old land for the first time ask us for help, for fifty thousand dollars. We have been trying now for nearly six weeks in the whole of Canada to get fifty thousand dollars to send across to our brethren in the old land. At the last printing of our paper we had 21,000 dollars, not half of the fifty thousand. We are doing well about the other matter of clearing our own deficit in seven years from now, but my contention is that “seven years from now” will have to take care of itself. We may go a thousand times broke seven years from now, but if my brother overseas wants any of my money now, now is the time to get it. It won’t help him a bit for me to tell him that I am going to be sitting pretty in a post-war world when his church and manse have been smashed to bits and he thrown on the street; it is NOW when the money should be going.

I have been going up and down Canada; I believe in Canada; I believe in the Canadian people; I am glad there is no state church in Canada; I don’t believe in the domination of another church, but I do challenge the churches of Canada that if they are going to be worthy of victory they should be worthy of the strain of NOW. They should get together now to face human need in the human way if they are so sure they are going to face it in the post-war world.

Finally, we need to think of ourselves. It has been great to pan the politicians and the industrialists and the labor people, and the archbishops and bishops; now we

think of ourselves for a minute. You know in any great new world that is to be, you and I could spoil it; it could not be without us; it will mean that there is to be that kind of a world, and we will discipline ourselves, and we will handle greed, handle selfishness; we will not get a new set of words; there will be the old words; truth and beauty and goodness and brotherhood. We will say that if we are spared to see that fair new world we will make this thing one hundred per cent real, that when a man says he is for the truth, he will be for the truth, and when he says he will be for the beauty of life he will be for the beauty of life, and when he says he is for the goodness of life he will be, and when he says he will be a brother he will be a brother; the bonds of fellowship will mean what they are supposed to mean in that new world. We have the words, now we have the opportunity; we have a need now, I think, deeper than the need that will be, and it does seem to me that you and I might take those great words—you and I know how we feel in the challenge of those great words, how necessary the fulfilment of those words will be for a decent world. You and I take those words, and in our hearts we make a pledge right now, a pledge to ourselves that in this world of pressure and need and call for sacrifice we will make them have, as far as we can, their full meaning, not then, but NOW.

W. Bro. C. E. Graham moved a vote of thanks and appreciation to W. Bro. McGillivray for his splendid address, which received the enthusiastic support of the brethren.

Second Day Afternoon Session

Grand Lodge was called from Refreshment to Labor by Most Worshipful Bro. J. J. Henderson, Grand Master, at 2:30 p.m.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES—Continued

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on Finance begs to submit the following report:

Meetings of the Finance Committee have been held at least once each month, and all matters brought to its attention have been carefully dealt with. All accounts presented by the Grand Secretary have been scrutinized and approved for payment.

The Grand Secretary continues to keep a close supervision over all expenditures. The healthy condition of the Grand Lodge's finances are in no small measure due to the careful and watchful eye given by this efficient officer of the Grand Lodge.

The Aulitors' Report shows a net operating profit for the year of \$766.72 in the general fund. This, however, is offset by a donation of \$5,000.00 made by the Grand Lodge to the Dominion Government War Fund early in the current year. Hence there is actually a net deficit of \$4,233.28 on the year's operations.

The Report of the Auditors on the finances of Grand Lodge as at March 31st, 1941, has been examined, and your committee believe it presents a true and correct account of the financial standing of Grand Lodge as at that date.

Your Finance Committee has prepared and herewith submits for your consideration, a statement of the approximate Income and expenditure for the year ending March 31st, 1942.

INCOME

Dues	\$ 9,000.00
Initiations & M.M. Certificates	800.00
Past Masters' Certificates	70.00
Life Members' Fees	450.00
Life Members' Certificates	90.00
Dispensations	80.00
Supplies	350.00
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	<u>\$10,840.00</u>

EXPENDITURES

Salaries	\$ 4,200.00
Rent	1,000.00
Postage and Stamp Tax	265.00
Stationery and Office Supplies	225.00
Lodge Supplies	475.00
Grand Master's Expense	500.00
Grand Lodge Communication Expense ...	600.00
Grand Lodge Proceedings	690.00
Grand Lodge Travelling Expense	250.00
Library Maintenance	1,200.00
Grand Master's Regalia & P.G.M. Jewel ..	300.00
Auditing	150.00
Telephones, Telegrams, etc.	125.00
Warning Circulars & Masonic Relief Ass'n	85.00
Miscellaneous	475.00
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	<u>\$10,540.00</u>

Fraternally submitted,
 CHARLES A. MIDWINTER,
 Chairman.

On motion of R.W. Bro. C. A. Midwinter (111), seconded by R.W. Bro. S. A. Wood (144), the report of the Finance Committee was received and adopted.

COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

To The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes through its Committee on Benevolence submits its report for the past year. Committee meetings were held on July 16th, October 31st, December 10th, 1940, February 13th, March 18th and May 22nd, 1941, a total of six meetings,

Eighty cases were reviewed and the necessary action taken. The number of Beneficiaries receiving assistance at present is 54. During the year ten additional names were added for assistance, and ten taken off, due to passing on to the great beyond and changed circumstances, which made further assistance unnecessary. We are pleased to report that some Beneficiaries themselves requested the assistance they were receiving to be discontinued.

The earnings of the Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund were sufficient to meet the necessary grants and this Committee acknowledges with thanks, donations from the following Lodges:

Hiram Lodge No. 94	\$ 15.00
Robbie Burns Lodge No. 100	10.00
Thos. Hardy, Lodge No. 134	1.00
Glenboro Lodge No. 48	15.00
Manitou Lodge No. 30	10.00
Vermillion Lodge No. 68	50.00
Brandon Lodge No. 19	17.00
Shoal Lake Lodge No. 92	1.50
Foxwarren Lodge No. 152	5.00
Flin Flon Lodge No. 153	25.00
Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3	300.00
McCreary Lodge No. 133	5.00
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	<u>\$454.50</u>

The Committee meets whenever necessary; in some cases the applications would be decided very much quicker if the Lodge sending in the application would be careful to give full particulars, particularly if the applicant has children and of their ability to render support to their parents. Another point that is never very clearly stated is, if the applicant is eligible for

Old Age Pension, and if so, has an application been made for same. The reason the Committee would like definite information with the application from the Lodge is, that it has a very definite bearing on the amount the Committee can grant. In some cases, the Committee would like to increase its monthly grant, but if it did, the pension would be reduced. Another point that should be carefully answered when the application is made, is if they own any property. Some applicants have property for which there is no sale, but the particulars should be stated on the form when it is sent in. If these points were clearly stated, quicker action would be the result.

The Committee thanks R.W. Bro. Russell, Grand Secretary, for the very valuable service rendered.

Fraternally submitted,
A. H. STEVENTON,
Chairman.

On motion of R.W. Bro. A. H. Steventon (3), seconded by M.W. Bro. George Hunter (10), the report of the Committee on Benevolence was received and adopted.

COMMITTEE ON MASONIC RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes through its Committee on Masonic Research and Education begs to report as follows:

One of the chief objectives of your Committee during the past year has been the advertising of the Library. With this in view, a copy of a Masonic Study pamphlet prepared by one of the former Committees on Masonic Research, and containing three articles by members of the Committee, short reviews and lists giving the titles of several of the books contained in the Library, was forwarded to all Brethren who had received their Master Mason Degree during the period between January 1st to June 18th, 1940. In addition to this, the Librarian was instructed to and did attend all District Meetings in the Jurisdiction and address the Brethren on the purpose of the Library, its present location, its usefulness as a Department of Grand Lodge, and the reading material it contains.

Later in the year a second questionnaire prepared from sections of the Constitution which had not previously been dealt

with, was sent out to all the Constituent Lodges in the Jurisdiction. Your Committee has reason to believe that this will be the means of causing Officers and Brethren to familiarize themselves with the provisions of the Constitution, and that way lessen the volume of correspondence between the various Lodges and the Grand Secretary's office. A copy of the address delivered by R.W. Brother G. R. Calvert, Deputy Grand Master, was also sent to each Lodge by request of the War Effort Committee, with the suggestion that it be read at the next Regular Meeting following its receipt.

While your Committee is doing all in its power to stress the value of the Library to every member of the Craft in the Jurisdiction, especially those who have only recently joined its ranks, it cannot and does not hope to accomplish all it would like to do, unless it can count on the wholehearted support and co-operation of the Masters and Secretaries of all Constituent Lodges. Masters especially are strongly urged to bring to the attention of every candidate immediately he has received his Master Mason Degree, the benefits in the way of Masonic Education and Recreation that the Library affords.

Visitors were frequent in the Library during the past year, some had never been inside it before, and came to find out its location, others to make use of the material on its shelves for the purpose of preparing addresses, or to take away books for home reading.

It is the intention of the Librarian during the coming year, to introduce a "Visitors' Book" in which a record of all visitors to the Library may be kept, showing the names of the Lodges to which they belong, their jurisdiction if outside Manitoba, and the purpose of their visit.

Your Committee feels that it should make mention here of the inconvenience that is experienced in some cases through Brethren neglecting to return books to the Library as soon as they have read them. It is realized that this neglect on the part of the Brethren concerned, is due usually to carelessness or forgetfulness, and your Committee asks for the kindly co-operation of all Brethren using the Library to remedy this situation.

During the period between May 1st, 1940, and March 31st, 1941, the number of books loaned to members of the various Masonic Districts was as follows:

First	74	Seventh	1
Second	13	Eighth	16
Third	10	Ninth	15
Fourth	5	Tenth	46
Fifth	12	Twelfth	44
Sixth	28		

During the same period there were 46 Lodges in the Jurisdiction whose members did not make any use of the Library.

The work of your Committee has been pretty well limited during the last year to promoting the effectiveness of the Library. Your Committee feels that the Craft as a whole, may receive a broad Masonic education and conduct wide Masonic research by using the facilities that the library presently offers. Once these facilities are exhausted the library can easily be extended to meet increased demands.

Your Committee wish to express their appreciation of the splendid co-operation and support accorded to their efforts by the Grand Librarian, R.W. Bro. Somerset, and the Librarian in charge, M.W. Bro. Harry Woods.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. D. LAWRENCE,
Chairman.

REPORT OF GRAND LODGE LIBRARIAN

To M.W. Brother W. D. Lawrence, Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Research and Education.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

Herewith find report of the Grand Librarian for the year ended March 31st, 1941.

The interest in the Library has not decreased during the year, and in spite of the conditions which prevail in the world today, there has been an increase in the issue of books and other literature over that reported for the previous year.

We have to thank the widow of the late R.W. Brother Arnold Smith, Brother H. G. Franklin, and Brother G. A. Noble, for books donated to the Library, and wish to assure our friends that books on Masonic matters are always very welcome.

M.W. Brother Harry Woods, our Librarian, has done faithful work, and has visited many District Meetings, and Constituent Lodges, setting forth the claims of the Library.

While we are anxious to issue books, will those who borrow please return promptly.

The following list shows the books and other literature sent out from the Library during the past year:

Encyclopaedias, etc.	16
History and Philosophy	39
Symbolism	74
Freemasonry and Citizenship	1
Rites, Degrees, Manuals	29
Biography	2
History, Geographical Divisions	10
General Works	2
Ceremonies, etc.	2
Jewels, Medals, etc.	2
Jurisprudence	2
Art and Literature	2
Addresses, Lectures, etc.	14
Poetry and Drama	10
Novels and Tales	24
Miscellaneous, Masonry	2
Miscellaneous, not Masonry	26
Proceedings	7
Clippings from Magazines	8
Questionnaire, Constitution	104
Address, Deputy Grand Master	104
Pamphlets to Initiates	167

The following books were donated to the Library during the year:

Freemasonry in Manitoba	} By the Widow of the late R.W. Brother Arnold Smith
Cyclopaedia of Freemasonry	
Masonic Poems	
Masonic Musical Ritual	
Book of Boumi, Story of the Mystic Shrine	

Sesqui Centennial, Initiation of

Brother George Washington By Brother H. G. Franklin

The World's Best Jokes	} By Brother G. A. Noble
Walden, A Story of the Woods	
The Light that Failed, etc., Vol. 2	
Eothen	
Week on the Concord and Merrimac Rivers	
What Wilson Did at Paris	
Stories that Take	
Phrases for Public Speakers	
Power Book Library, 3 Vols. (Power of Will, Business Power, Culture of Courage.)	
How to Build Mental Power	

Fraternally submitted,
C. E. SOMERSET,
Grand Librarian.

On motion of M.W. Bro. R. D. Lawrence (25), seconded by R.W. Bro. Rev. C. E. Somerset (2), the reports of the Committee on Masonic Research and Education, and the Grand Librarian were received and adopted.

THE GRAND CHAPLAIN'S ADDRESS

The Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.,
Winnipeg, Man., June 5, 1941

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

It is a very great pleasure, and a privilege, highly esteemed by me, to bring to you my second message as your Grand Chaplain. In my humble and faltering way, I have tried faithfully to do my duty to all the responsibilities pertaining to the office of Grand Chaplain, to which, at the last communication of this Grand Lodge, you so graciously accorded me an acclamation. It has been an honor Most Worshipful Sir, to have served under your distinguished occupancy of the chair of Grand Master. May I express to

you and to the Officers and Members of this Grand Lodge deep appreciation for the unfailing courtesy extended to the Grand Chaplain at all times and on all occasions throughout the past year.

The incumbent of the office of Grand Chaplain is called upon at each communication of the Grand Lodge, to present to you, Sir, and to the members of Grand Lodge, not so much a report of his activities as a meditation or some inspirational address for the edification of the brethren, I now address myself to that task. We meet today under a cloud of war. With growing anxiety and concern we look out upon the scene of the conflict. The whole world is convulsed, and well-nigh panic is found among the nations. The story of the past year reveals the increasing menace of tyranny. Unscrupulous dictatorships reach out their poisonous tentacles, propelled by insidious propaganda and their utter disregard for human life, in a determined attempt to enslave the whole world. All the things we most treasure in life are now threatened. One by one the nations of Europe have been trampled under foot by the aggressor, traditional institutions are crumbling, sacred shrines and historical collections are reduced to ashes, and our very civilization is trembling. What word can be said today that can bring to us the poise and the steady confidence that will guide us through the darkening gloom of this hour? What has our Masonry to offer us for such a time as this? Let us, for a few minutes, make a voyage of discovery.

You need not be reminded again, that in the very centre of all our lodges, there is a sacred symbol. We do well, my brethren, to remember that God is and must be the heart and soul of our fraternity. To forget that is to make the whole Masonic genius of none effect. Our lodges should be for us all the temple of the living God, and unless we can enter into a companionship with Him, we are failing in the quest of our brotherhood. History reveals that there are occasions in the life of every one of us that the Unseen grows suddenly and coercively real, times when something, with its own inherent evidence speaks to us incontrovertibly. Someone,

alive and personal, has tracked us down. We become desperately aware of "that power, the not ourselves" which is "stronger than the iron hills, and gentler than a mother's love," and which "keeps watch within the shadows of life."

To reach such a steady awareness of the divine is by far the best and most important thing that can ever happen to us in this world. A father said to his son about to leave home to venture out upon his own career: "Count me among your resources". It is thus God speaks to every child of faith. He is our Banner, our Counsellor. He is to us the Strength, Wisdom and Beauty—the Strength that girds, the Wisdom that guides, the Beauty that by His enabling becomes, for us and through us, omnipotent to dare and to do. To miss this intimate partnership in our life must be the ultimate tragedy.

The volume of the Sacred Law upon our altar unfolds to succeeding generations a unique story of men and women who have experienced this awareness of God in their lives. From the opening prologue in Genesis to the last word of the last line of the apocalypse, the dominant note is, this man and that man saw God. Moses, wandering one day in troubled mood, along a lonely desert track, turned aside to see a bush on fire. Suddenly, almost before he realized what he was doing, he was removing his shoes and bowing his face to the earth. He stood on holy ground: he saw God. Isaiah, standing one day in the temple, a young aristocrat and courtier who had lost his beloved king, felt the very air beginning to tremble, and looking up, he saw that the place which had seemed to be so dim and empty a moment before was now flooded with a supernatural glory . . . "In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord." Ezekiel, sitting sad among the songless exiles by the irrigation canals of Babylon, watched with awe the heavens opening above his head. As his wandering gaze was drawn higher and still higher, he saw four living creatures, and above them the radiant firmament, and above the firmament a throne, and above the throne the face of the Lord God Almighty. John, the apocalypticist, exiled on Patmos for his faith, was worshipping in the spirit on the Lord's Day, when

suddenly, like a trumpet shattering the silence, a great voice pealed forth and cried: "I am Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last!" And turning swiftly around to find whence that strange voice came, he saw One whose eyes were like a flame of fire; whose face was as the sun shining in its strength, and John bears witness in these words: "When I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead." All through the Scriptures, from the garden where God walked with man in the cool of the day to the conception of the Celestial City where the ransomed behold His glory, this is the refrain: "Also they saw God."

My brethren, you who are proud to bear the name of Mason, there is nothing our generation needs more urgently than to recapture that vision. Panaceas for our modern distresses are offered us in plenty. The solving word for our present day predicament, we are told, is education, or else it is evolution; or if not that, it is internationalism or political science, or economic readjustment, or humanism, or nationalism, communism, fascism, nazism or even psychology. But all these proffered remedies are a mere tinkering with the problem and man is beginning to see that unless some power from beyond us takes a grip of the situation, there is nothing before him but chaos and disaster. And this cannot just happen by some catastrophic intervention. Man has his part to play, and must accept full responsibility for the exercise of his faculties. It is simple truth to say that the prime necessity of the hour is a new discovery of God. As John Ruskin put it years ago, "It is not the weariness of mortality but the strength of divinity which we have to recognize; and that is just what we now never recognize, but think that we are to do great things by the help of iron bars and perspiration. Alas! we shall do nothing that way, but lose some pounds of our weight." In the better and more downright words of the Book of our Faith, "Where there is no vision, the people perish." Where there is no feeling for eternal things, any strutting tyranny, directed by unscrupulous propaganda, can devastate the world. There can be no recall to sanity, or equity or peace, till there has been a recall to God, symbolized for us Masons, by the Sacred Symbol at the centre of our lodges.

A great preacher and a good Freemason has put the thesis of this address in this way. "The conditions of life, under which we live today, its hectic pace, its hideous noises, its obsessive externality, its lack of rich inwardness, its clutter of things, and its confusion of voices, are a conspiracy against the ancient exhortation of the psalmist: "Be still, and know that I am God." This is our dilemma, as if we had all gone astray in our race for the means of living and lost the meaning of life.

True it is that our life today is an endless round of alternating strain and diversion. Our labor and concern are largely with the external, and there we seek, also, our recreations. We live in an age of the crowds, of mass-movement and mass thinking in which the individual is lost, or at least seems insignificant. Few know how to be alone, much less to live by their inner resources. The wealth and variety of the things we can do contrasts pitifully with the poverty of what we are. Day by day we live under a terrific pressure of stress. As someone has said: "It is not we who do our duty, but duty that drives us to get itself done." Harnessed to the will and way of the world, harassed by its hot haste, we live by compulsions from without and not by initiatives from within; and when free of the grind we know not how to pass our time profitably. In no age has the soul been so enslaved, so caught and caged in a net, lost in the mass, and unable to be alone. It is no wonder that spiritual reality seems unreal, and men grope blindly, fumbling after some thread of all-sustaining truth, some way of unity in the midst of a maze."

My brethren, let us never forget, amid the symbols of our craft, what we so often and so sadly forget, that the most sacred shrine on earth is the soul of man; that the lodge and its offices are not ends in themselves, no matter how old and stately they may be, but means to the end that every human soul may become "jubilant and beholding," as Emerson would say, cleansed of evil and crowned with the glory of a God-illuminated vision; that every human heart may be an altar of faith and hope, a sanctuary of purity and piety, a cathedral of serenity and gladness.

Permit me to close what I have tried to bring before you with these words by an unknown writer:

"Seven times ten billion cycles and this afternoon, at five,
Since the star-dust that we come from moved to show
itself alive,
Souls aflame and hearts aburning, maidens loved and
babies kissed,
Plato's thoughts and Shakespeare's measures — all
emerged from mud and mist.
Worlds in trillions keep their orbits better than a clock
keeps time:
What achievement for the star-dust! Wonderful for
muck and slime!
Earth of beauty that we dwell in, safely here our feet
have trod:
Oh, how credulous are critics who WILL not believe
in God!"

P. T. PILKEY,
Grand Chaplain.

Most Worshipful Bro. J. J. Henderson, Grand Master,
thanked our Grand Chaplain for his splendid address.

REPORT OF WAR EFFORT COMMITTEE

To The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of
the Grand Lodge of Manitoba; Ancient Free and
Accepted Masons.

Most Worshipful Grand Master:

In submitting a report covering this special activity of Grand Lodge, the Committee charged with the duty of considering the matter of "War Effort," believe that we should prepare a complete summary of our work during the period which has elapsed since our Annual Communication held in June, 1940. Only from such a source can the Freemasons of tomorrow understand what the brethren of today undertook and accomplished in the service of our Empire.

We therefore set forth the full text of Preliminary Reports prepared by the Committee and unanimously adopted by the Board of General Purposes.

One Committee under the Chairmanship of R.W. Bro. G. R. Calvert has charge of the Service, which will be held at the Winnipeg Civic Auditorium on the 17th day of November, 1940, at the hour of Three-thirty o'clock in the afternoon. All of the Brethren are asked to be in their seats not later than Three-fifteen as the service is to be broadcast at Three-thirty sharp. The Second Committee, under the Chairmanship of M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas has charge of the securing of contributions in aid of the War Effort, while the Third Committee, under the Chairmanship of R.W. Bro. Alex. Burgess, has charge of the work to be done in preparation for the reception of children from Overseas.

Each of these Committees is at work preparing details of the matters submitted to its care, and further information will be sent you from each Committee in due course.

In the meantime, the General Committee urges upon you that you put forth every effort at once to prepare for the making of the fullest contribution by your District and Lodge that no time will be lost and that you will be in a position to co-operate fully with the respective Committees when they communicate with you.

This is no time for Freemasons to be sitting back and wondering what can be done—this is the time for resolution! This is the time for every member of the Craft to say in sincerity:

"I shall dedicate myself to the service of God and to the purpose of the Empire, and insofar as I am blessed, I will contribute generously of my time and means to the Empire War Effort, and especially to the \$50,000.00 objective that has been undertaken by Grand Lodge.

"I will put myself out to be a friend and guide to any little war guests who may come under my personal care or with whom I may be in contact."

In his broadcast the other day, His Majesty reminded us that London, "Like Jerusalem of old," is at unity in itself.

We, who belong to the Craft, must see to it that our Fraternity and the Great Empire are absolutely unified and dedicated to the purpose of restoring honor, decency, freedom and peace to this war-torn world.

BEN. C. PARKER, Chairman.
ALEXANDER BURGESS, Secretary.
JOHN T. BOYD.
WILLIAM J. MAJOR.
STANLEY H. FAHRNI.
GEORGE R. CALVERT.
NORMAN J. BLACK.

Winnipeg, June 5th, 1940.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WAR
EFFORT FOR SOLDIERS

GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA,
A.F. & A.M.

The Committee appointed by your Chairman to consider "making any special War Effort" through the membership of Grand Lodge and consisting of M.W. Bro. George Hunter, R.W. Bro. Charles E. Midwinter and R.W. Bro. Ben. C. Parker, which Committee, under authority of The Board of General Purposes, was increased by the addition of R.W. Bro. C. R. Sayer and R.W. Bro. Capt. E. E. Spencer, reports as follows:

Your Committee has enquired into the means presently existing for the rendering of service and assistance not only to members of the Craft but to others who are on Active Service and their dependents, and the means already adopted for meeting their needs.

The Committee finds that Organizations already set up, such as the Red Cross Society, The Canadian Legion, The Young Men's Christian Association and other organizations in collaboration with the National Defense Auxiliary Services, have been and are caring for the material, educational and recreational needs of those who are in training or on Active Service, and that through the Auxiliary Service Section of the Department of National Defence arrangements have also been made for the caring for the dependents of such persons. The purpose of the Auxiliary Service Section is to avoid insofar as possible any duplication of effort, and the waste of time and money which would result therefrom.

Any service to be rendered by Grand Lodge and the Constituent Lodges would appear to be divisible into two parts, the first being service to those who are in training or on active service overseas, and secondly service to families and other dependents of such soldiers.

Under the first heading, the Committee recommends that a special committee should be set up in each constituent Lodge, under the Chairmanship of the Worshipful Master or someone appointed by him, which might be known as the "Soldiers' Committee," and of which Committee the Secretary of the Lodge should be a member; and that such Committee be charged with the responsibility of maintaining contact with all members of the

Lodge who are on Active Service by correspondence, such correspondence to be conducted preferably by some member of the Lodge who is a close personal friend of the soldier, who would report at least monthly to the Secretary of the Lodge. in the event of no member of the Lodge being found to carry on the correspondence, then the correspondence should be undertaken by the Secretary of the Lodge or some other member of the Committee. Names of all members of the Lodge who have enlisted or hereafter enlist, should be furnished immediately to the Grand Secretary, who should keep a record of all members on Military Service.

This Lodge Committee will have the responsibility, too, of giving any special assistance which may be found desirable to any member who is confined in hospital or who may be invalided home.

It is recommended that the Grand Lodge should remit all dues payable to Grand Lodge with respect to any soldier on Active Service whose dues have been remitted by his Constituent Lodge, and that Constituent Lodges should be encouraged to give such remission of dues.

It is also recommended that Grand Lodge provide and the Grand Secretary issue a Certificate of Membership to any Brother enlisting for Active Service so that he may be at all times in a position to visit Lodges in other parts of Canada or Overseas or wherever his duties call him.

The second heading is that which has to do with fraternal assistance to the family or dependents of a Freemason who is on Active Service.

It is recommended that Grand Lodge co-operate with the Auxiliary Service Section of the Department of National Defence, and that we avail ourselves of the organization set up by that service.

A program has already been worked out by the Auxiliary Services, whereby, when any call for assistance is made by a member of a soldier's family or a dependent, a registration card is filled out, which shows, amongst other things, whether the soldier is a member of a fraternal order. This information is available, and in the case of members of the Masonic fraternity the information will be sent to the Grand Secretary. The Grand Secretary should then communicate with the Soldiers' Committee of the Constituent Lodge of which such soldier is a member, and the Soldiers' Committee of the Constituent Lodge should then investigate the need for service or assistance and co-operate with

the Military Auxiliary Services in rendering whatever assistance is needed. The local Secretary should report to the Grand Secretary the result of such investigation, and the steps being taken so that the Grand Secretary may be informed, and may serve as a clearing house for information.

The Soldiers' Committee of each Constituent Lodge should undertake to act as "guide, philosopher and friend" to the families and dependents of those on Active Service and should in this regard also report to the Grand Secretary.

In addition to the work to be done in the Grand Secretary's office, and by the Soldiers' Committees of the Constituent Lodges, all of which is assistance to members of the Craft only, their families and dependents, it is the opinion of the Committee that some contribution should be made to the general effort to assist enlisted men, their families and dependents, especially as we propose to take advantage of the facilities offered by the Active Service Welfare Registry. This Active Service Welfare Registry is maintained by contributions from the organizations co-operating with it. The annual cost of the necessary staff to carry on the work, and the expense of equipping and maintaining an office is estimated to run about \$3,500.00 and your Committee recommends that Grand Lodge make a grant of \$500.00 towards the expense of this Active Service Welfare Registry, and that the incoming Board of General Purposes be authorized to pay this sum either at once, or by periodic instalments as it may determine.

Your Committee recognizes the excellent work which was done by the two Lodges at Brandon, namely Tweed Lodge No. 113 and Brandon Lodge No. 19, during the last Great War, and the probability that a heavy demand will be made on these two Lodges by reason of their proximity to Camp Shilo and to the Air Training Centre in Brandon, and recommends that the incoming Board of General Purposes should consider with the officers of these Lodges some form of contribution which Grand Lodge could make so that an unfair burden will not be placed upon these two Lodges, or their resources too seriously taxed.

Your Committee gratefully acknowledges a debt of gratitude to Bro. W. W. Kennedy, whose experience in the Great War and whose knowledge of present conditions and plans have been generously placed at the disposal of this Committee.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

BEN. C. PARKER,
Chairman.

Winnipeg, Man., September 19th, 1940.

To The Board of General Purposes,
G.R.M., A.F. & A.M.

The Committee appointed by the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master in accordance with a Resolution passed at the last meeting of the Board of General Purposes "to study ways and means of how the members of this Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M., might help Canada in her War Effort and also the question of what might be done in connection with the children that may be sent to Manitoba from England" report as follows:

The Committee has discussed ways and means by which the Freemasons of Manitoba may help with the War Effort, and our first recommendation is that we should at this time re-dedicate ourselves to the Service of God. We, therefore, suggest that a Service of Witness under the direction of the Grand Master be held in the Civic Auditorium of Winnipeg, and that all Freemasons be urged to be present to make a profession of faith in God and in the righteousness of the Empire's cause, and that similar services be held in every Masonic District under the leadership of the District Deputy Grand Master, and that every Lodge be urged to arrange for a church service during this year.

Our second recommendation is that the Freemasons of Manitoba, individually and (or through) their Lodges make a contribution in cash to the war needs of the Empire, such contribution to be in addition to the contribution of \$5,000.00 already made by Grand Lodge; that the objective for such contributions be the sum of \$50,000.00 and that this amount be raised by subscription from the Lodges and members of the Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction.

We commend most heartily to all our members the Government's scheme for the evacuating of children from the Motherland. In the Province of Manitoba, Two Thousand One Hundred and Eighty-five homes have been offered for the accommodation of Two Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-eight children. At present only One Hundred and Sixty-seven children have been received in Manitoba. Of these One Hundred and Twenty-seven have been placed in Winnipeg, and the balance in the Province. It must be pointed out here that this scheme is only just beginning and while the number of homes offered is far in excess of the number of children requiring such foster homes, yet it is true that more than four times as many homes are needed than the number of children sent, because people have a preference with regard to sex, religion and age. We, therefore, recommend that every effort be made to encourage members of the

Craft to volunteer to receive children under this plan, so that in the event of children in larger numbers reaching our shores, they may be properly and adequately cared for.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BEN. C. PARKER,
Chairman.

From the foregoing it will be noted that the Freemasons of Manitoba, through the Board of General Purposes adopted a definite program of a threefold character:

- A. Service of Witness and Dedication.
- B. Raising a fund of \$50,000 for the Empire War Work.
- C. Evacuee children from Britain.

SERVICE OF WITNESS AND DEDICATION

The holding of such a meeting in a public place, where a limited number of the general public could be accommodated, was a new idea among the Masons of Manitoba. It was the considered judgment of the Board, that in this time of war, and with Freemasonry rapidly disappearing from the countries of Europe because they had fallen victims to the totalitarian horde marching across that continent, our declaration of faith, in a public manner, was fully justified.

On Sunday, 17th November, 1940, we held our Service of Witness and Dedication in the Civic Auditorium, Winnipeg. This large Assembly Hall was filled to capacity and it was estimated by the Daily Press, that five thousand Masons were in attendance. It had been arranged to broadcast the Service over Station CKY; consequently, hundreds in the rural parts of the Jurisdiction and elsewhere, participated in our memorable Service.

The importance of this Service suggests to this Committee that the full order of Service and the complete text of the address delivered by the Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Bro. Canon Geo. R. Calvert, should be incorporated in our Report.

INTROIT—

"I VOW TO THEE".....Music by Gustav Holst

I vow to thee, my country—all earthly things
above—
Entire and whole and perfect, the service of
my love,
The love that asks no question: the love that
stands the test,

That lays upon the altar the dearest and best:
The love that never falters, the love that pays
the price,
The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

And there's another country, I've heard of
long ago—
Most dear to them that love her, most great
to them that know—
We may not count her armies: we may not see
her King—
Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is
suffering—
And soul by soul and silently her shining
bounds increase,
And her ways are ways of gentleness and all
her paths are peace.

THE GRAND MASTER . . . M.W.BROTHER J. J. HENDERSON

Brethren, we are met together in the presence of Almighty God to offer our worship, praise and thanksgiving; to make confession of our sins; to pray, as well for others as for ourselves that we may know more truly the greatness of God's love and shew forth in our lives the fruits of His Grace; and to ask on behalf of all men such things as their well-being doth require.

And especially at this time, let us pray for our Sovereign Lord, King George and for our gracious Queen Elizabeth. For the Prime Ministers of Great Britain and all the Dominions, and for all who guide the destiny of the Empire; for the sailors, soldiers, airmen, doctors, nurses and chaplains of the King's Forces.

Let us remember our Brethren in Freemasonry throughout the world, especially those who have been persecuted. Finally, let us confess our faith in God and His Righteousness, and pray that we fail not to be worthy of the highest traditions of Freemasonry.

HYMN—

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him gladly serve, His Praise forth tell,
Come ye before Him, and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;
 Without our aid He did us make;
 We are His flock, He doth us feed,
 And for His sheep, He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise,
 Approach with joy His courts unto;
 Praise, laud, and bless His Name always,
 For it is seemly so to do.

For why? the Lord our God is good;
 His mercy is for ever sure;
 His truth at all times firmly stood,
 And shall from age to age endure.

LESSON—

PSALM 91.....BROTHER RABBI SOLOMON FRANK

ANTHEM—

“THE HAPPY WARRIOR”.....George Dyson

Who is the happy warrior? Who is he,—
 That ev’ry man in arms should wish to be?
 It is the generous spirit Whose high endeavors are
 an inward light
 That makes the path before him always bright;
 Who, doomed to go with fear and pain,
 Turns his necessity,—to glorious gain;
 In face of these doth exercise a power
 Which is our human nature’s highest dower.

Who is the happy Warrior? Who is he,—
 That ev’ry man in arms should wish to be?
 If he be called to face Great issues, is like
 a man inspired,
 With sudden happy brightness is attired;
 Or if an instant call succeed,
 Come when it will, is he equal to the need:
 Endued for storm, yet gentle scenes doth move,
 More brave for this, that he hath much to love.

This is the happy warrior; this is he
 That ev’ry man in arms should wish to be.

LESSON—

EPHESIANS 6: 10-20 . . . M.W. BROTHER HARRY WOODS

PRAYER—**THE GRAND CHAPLAIN**

Rt. Wor. Brother Rev. P. T. Pilkey

O God of righteousness, against Whose majesty the might of sin can not prevail; we humbly beseech Thee to destroy the power of darkness, wheresoever it obscures our vision of Thy truth, that we may clearly apprehend Thy glory and bear faithful witness to Thy matchless sovereignty.

O God our Father, Who hast led our nation wondrously in ages past, we thank Thee for the guidance of Thine over-ruling providence. We thank Thee for such justice, freedom and fellowship as are established among us, and we pray Thee to give us now and in the days to come sure confidence in Thee, that in all perplexities we may seek Thy light and in hours of weakness Thy strength.

O Lord God Almighty, Who art the Supreme Ruler and Governor of all things, guide, we pray Thee, our King and all those to whom Thou hast committed the government of our nation and empire; and grant to them at this time special gifts of wisdom and understanding, of counsel and strength; that upholding what is right, and following what is true, they may obey Thy Holy will, and fulfil Thy divine purpose.

O Lord God of Hosts, stretch forth, we pray Thee, Thine almighty arm to strengthen and protect the soldiers and sailors and airmen of our King in every peril of land, and sea, and air; shelter them in the day of battle, and in time of peace keep them safe from all evil; endue them ever with loyalty and courage, and grant that in all things they may serve as seeing Thee Who are invisible.

O God Who never sleepest, and art never weary: Have mercy upon those who watch to-night; on the sentry, that he may be alert; on those who command, that they may be strengthened; on the sick, that they may obtain sleep; on the wounded, that they may find ease from their pain; on the faint-hearted, that they may hope again; on the light-hearted, lest they forget Thee; on the dying, that they may find peace; on the sinful, that they may turn again unto Thee. Give power, wisdom, and gentleness to all Thy ministering servants, to all

chaplains, physicians and surgeons, nurses and watchers by the wounded and the sick, that always bearing Thy presence with them they may not only heal but bless, and shine as lamps of hope in the darkest hours of distress and fear. We commend unto Thee all those about to depart this life, beseeching Thee to grant unto them the spirit of tranquility and trustfulness. May they put their hope in Thee, and having passed through the valley of the shadow of death, may they enter into the rest that remaineth for the people of God, and shine as the stars for ever and ever.

O Lord, help us in all humility and sincerity to pray for our enemies. Break the power of all who seek domination, and delight in war; open the eyes of all who are blinded by fear and hate; strengthen the hands of all who love truth and right; that when this hour of strife is passed we may live together in freedom and friendship. Mercifully receive the prayers that we now offer for our anxious and troubled world. Send Thy light into our darkness, and guide the nations as one family into the ways of peace. Take away all prejudice, hatred and fear. Strengthen in us day by day the will to understand, that so through us Thy will be done.

These our petitions we present in humility and sincerity before Thee, beseeching Thee to grant to us the pardon of our sins. AMEN.

HYMN—

Faith of our fathers! living still
In spite of dungeon, fire, and sword;
O how our hearts beat high with joy
Whene'er we hear that glorious word!
Faith of our fathers! holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death!

Our fathers, chained in prisons dark,
Were still in heart and conscience free;
How sweet would be their children's fate,
If they, like them, could die for thee!
Faith of our fathers! holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death!

Faith of our fathers! we will love
Both friend and foe in all our strife:
And preach thee too, as love knows how,
By kindly words and virtuous life.
Faith of our fathers! holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death!

ADDRESS—

THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER
RT. WOR. BROTHER CANON G. R. CALVERT

When His Majesty the King spoke to the Empire on the twenty-fourth of May this year among all the splendid things that he said this one thing rang out: "We are fighting for our lives." Never were truer words spoken than those which the King uttered on that momentous occasion, and they come to you and to me this afternoon, my brethren, as a direct challenge, because we are the King's men. We are proud to know that the King who rules the Empire has, on occasions, set aside the sceptre in order to take up the gavel and reign in a masonic lodge. So then we are the King's men, and when he said "We are fighting for our lives", he was not only thinking of the people of his great Empire; he was thinking of those free men in every nation on the earth—those free men whose freedom had been taken from them because of their desire to worship God in their own way, because of their desire as free men and Freemasons to meet in the freedom of their lodges. So he said "We are fighting for our lives."

When I think of that, I know that we could not survive a Nazi victory. Today I know better than that; we would not survive a Nazi victory; we should die as our fathers died, for freedom, for righteousness and justice and truth, and gladly die.

We are gathered here in this great auditorium in our hundreds, because men are facing death that we may enjoy our freedom today. Those men are the King's men, too; they are proud to serve in his services. They are willing to die in order that we may live to carry on the continuance and the expansion of the life which we value. They and you and I too, would rather die than lose that liberty, that priceless heritage which has been given to us to keep, to guard, and to develop.

As we look back on our great and glorious history we see many sins that we have inherited, and sins that we have built for ourselves in the last two decades which have done much to smirch the record of the Empire, but when we have said all we can in dispraise of this civilization we call British, one great thing can we say on its behalf: the possibility of amendment and improvement is there.

This British civilization of ours is not fixed in one settled or determined mould; it opens up before our eyes the vista of a wider and richer life for all; it shows us the way to a more effective co-operation of man with man to secure the common good. It is the way of life that our fathers bequeathed to us, and this way of life has the possibility of indefinite progress. All this is on our side, and because all this is on our side, my dear brethren we must win. We must defeat the tyrant who would enslave us.

We know what the real issue is, in this conflict. We have seen in the unfortunate lands which have been overrun by the Nazis the deliberate attempt to kill the soul of the people, how the leaders are put out of the way, how the universities are disbanded and disrupted, how the religious life of the people is undermined and destroyed, and the people become mere hewers of wood and drawers of water for "the superior race"—the Germans, who consider that they have a natural right of domination. There are still people living in the world who think that we might parley with the Nazis; such people are living in a world of fantasy today. We must be realists, or perish. What Hitler has done in all the countries he has over-run he would do, and more also, to this British Empire of ours. You might just as well suggest parleying with a tiger; there is no such thing as reasonable compromise; the tiger desires nothing more or less than to crush our bones. He can understand one thing, and we thank God he can understand that one

thing, because this is it—we must beat him! That thing alone will be understood, and that thing alone will we administer.

How shall we do it? We shall only do it by sacrifice, and what is sacrifice? You can read about it; you can study about it and boys in theological colleges today are studying about it throughout the length and breadth of the Empire—sacrifice, what it means. But it is best to be studied, not in books, but in that life where men and women in agony and bloody sweat defend their lives, the lives of their people of the homeland, and the life of the world. We shall never triumph, we shall never administer this licking, which we must administer, until every man and woman in this British Commonwealth of Nations is all in, until every man and woman is so dedicated to this cause of ours that all are willing and anxious to sacrifice, and to bring about the completion of this purpose which is ours. So I ask you a personal question this afternoon: what are you doing?

The Archbishop of York, not long ago, said that he hoped Britain would be a dedicated nation; not that anyone there, or anywhere in the British Empire, would get the notion that we, the British people, are a chosen people, that we possess some qualities that mark us out as rather superior to the rest of mankind; no, rather that we should be a people on whom is laid a great task to be fulfilled, not for our own good, but for the good of the world. A dedicated nation! A dedicated empire! What a challenge! Remember this though; when we say we shall be dedicated, we do not for one moment mean that any man or woman shall stand aside and say "I wish we were all dedicated." Neither shall we look down our noses at other folk and say, "I wish he were more dedicated than he is." No; each man, each woman, shall ask himself or herself "Am I dedicated?" Each man, each woman, shall realize, as the Dean of St. Paul's said not long ago, "It all depends on me." That is the secret of this whole idea of dedication. Here today, in this civic auditorium, we have made our prayers that God should direct the course of

this war that there might come a just peace into the world, but we shall serve Him, and the right, when we are ever determined to work for the purpose that God has given to us. We shall never despair if you write that in your hearts this afternoon, like Muriel Branby, the elderly retired English actress, who put Queen Victoria's glorious boast on her boarded windows: "Please understand there is no one depressed in this house, and we are not interested in the possibilities of defeat; they do not exist." Write that in. Write this in, too: "We shall go on to the end. We shall fight in France; we shall fight on the seas and oceans; we shall fight with growing confidence and growing strength in the air. We shall defend our island, whatever the cost may be. We shall fight on the beaches; we shall fight on the landing grounds; we shall fight in the fields and streets and in the hills. We shall never surrender, and even if, which I do not for a moment believe, this island, or even part of it, is subjugated and starving, then our Empire across the seas, armed and guarded by the British Fleet, will carry on the struggle, until, in God's good time, the new world, in all its strength and might, sets forth to the rescue and liberation of the old. Britain will fight the menace of tyranny for years and, if necessary, alone." Write that in—from the British Prime Minister; and, oh, some men have written it in this past week, that story, the like of which has not kindled the imagination of the Empire for years—the story of that little armed cruiser, the "Jervis Bay", going out, knowing that meeting that big battleship meant nothing but death; and though the flag was blown off, another was run up; that is sacrifice, as required of the men in the services, that is the sacrifice you and I have got to get into our souls: "it all depends on me." You can, if you like, say with the poet:

"Come the world against her
England yet shall stand"

but she will only stand, and the Empire with her, when every man, every woman, is absolutely convinced without any question that she shall stand even if he or she must die to keep her standing.

We are going out, in Grand Lodge, for fifty thousand dollars. It is unheard of; it is mad; it has not been done before, but the King's men will do it. We shall give this money to the Empire War Effort. We shall be so dedicated that it will not take any pushing; it will be freely given.

"Awake, awake, put on strength O arm of the Lord; awake, as in the ancient days in the generations of old."

So we say here this afternoon "And what is the arm of the Lord?" The arm of the Lord is the souls of the men who serve Him, and serve the right, who are determined to work the purpose of God as it is given to them to know it. It all depends on me; it all depends on us, and we depend on God, not waiting for Him to do everything for us, but actively seeking to draw from Him the strength to overcome the terrors that may beset us, or come what may; we shall be faithful, dedicated servants.

"Therefore my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

ANTHEM—

"JERUSALEM" Parry

Soloist: Brother W. Davidson Thomson
 And did those feet in ancient time
 Walk upon England's mountain green?
 And was the Holy Lamb of God
 On England's pleasant pastures seen?
 And did the countenance divine
 Shine forth upon our clouded hills?
 And was Jerusalem builded here
 Among these dark satanic mills?

Bring me my bow of burning gold!
Bring me my arrows of desire!
Bring me my spear! O clouds unfold!
Bring me my chariot of fire!
I will not cease from mental fight,
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,
Till we have built Jerusalem
In this our green and pleasant land.

THE GRAND CHAPLAIN—

Seeing my brethren, that we are weak men, but entrusted with great responsibilities, and that often we can not but be hindrances to the tasks committed to us by our infirmities of body, mind, and spirit, let us pray God to save and help us; that He will make us to know our several weaknesses and the faults we have not known: that He will give us strength and wisdom to do more perfectly the work He gives us to do. May each one of us, in the presence of God, and of each other, solemnly renew our Masonic vows, and consecrate our all to the building of our own characters and of the Kingdom of God.

Let Us Pray:

(The Brethren will join in the responses)

O Lord, open Thou our minds to see ourselves as Thou seest us, or even as others see us and we see others, and from all unwillingness to know our infirmities.

Save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

From moral weakness of spirit, from timidity, from hesitation from fear of men and dread of responsibility, strengthen us to courage in living; and alike from the weakness of hasty violence and the weakness of moral cowardice,

Save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

From weakness of judgment, from indecision that can make no choice, and the irresolution that carries no choice into act, strengthen our eye to see and our will to choose the right; and from losing opportunities and perplexing others with our uncertainties,

Save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

From infirmity of purpose, from want of earnest care and interest, from the sluggishness of indolence, and the slackness of indifference, and from all deadness of heart,

Save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

From dullness of conscience, from feeble sense of duty, from thoughtless disregard of consequences to others, from a low idea of the obligations of our fraternity, and from all half-heartedness in Masonic duties,

Save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

From weariness in continuing struggles, from despondency in failure and disappointment, from over-burdened sense of unworthiness, from morbid fancies of imaginary back-slidings, raise us to a lively hope and trust in Thy presence and mercy, in the power of faith and prayer; and from all exaggerated fears and vexations,

Save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

From self-conceit and vanity and boasting, from delight in supposed success and superiority, raise us to the modesty and humility of true sense and taste and reality; and from all harms and hindrances of offensive manners and self-assertion,

Save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

From affectation and untruth, conscious or unconscious, from pretence and acting a part which is hypocrisy, from impulsive self-adaptation to the moment in unreality to please persons or make circumstances easy, strengthen us to manly simplicity to be and be seen to be true men; and from all false appearances,

Save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

From love of flattery, from over-ready belief in praise, from dislike of criticism and hatred of independence; from the comfort of self-deception in persuading ourselves that others think better than the truth of us,

Save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

From pride and self-will, from desire ever to have our own way in all things, from overweening love of our own ideas and blindness to the value of others; from resentment against opposition and contempt for the claims of others; enlarge the generosity of our hearts and enlighten the fairness of our judgments; and from all selfish arbitrariness of temper,

Save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

From all hasty utterances of impatience, from the retort of irritation and the taunt of sarcasm; from all infirmity of temper in provoking or being provoked; from love of unkind gossip, and from all idle words that may do hurt.

Save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

In all times of temptation to follow pleasure, to leave duty for amusement, to indulge in distraction and dissipation, in dishonesty and debt, to degrade our fraternity and forget our obligations, and in all times of frailty in our flesh,

Save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

Chiefly, O Lord, we pray Thee, give us knowledge of Thyself to see Thee in all Thy works, always to feel Thy presence near, to hear and know Thy Call. May Thy Spirit be our spirit, our words Thy Words, Thy Will our will, that in all things we may be true and faithful.

Save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

Finally, O Lord, we humbly beseech Thee, blot out our past transgressions, heal the evils of our past negligences and ignorances, make us amend our past mistakes and misunderstandings; lift up our hearts to new love, new energy and devotion, that we may be unburdened from the grief and shame of past faithlessness to go forth in Thy strength to persevere through success and failure, through good report and evil report, even to the end; and in all time of our tribulation, in all time of prosperity,

Save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

And now as a final act of dedication, the brethren, remaining at the sign of fidelity, will say after me:

“And I do now, in the sight of God, and in the presence of my brethren, solemnly and sincerely make this my vow, and from this day forward, dedicate myself to these purposes.”

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory, forever. AMEN.

HYMN—

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come;
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home!

Beneath the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her fame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly, forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come;
Be Thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home! Amen.

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM—

God save our gracious king,
Long live our noble king,
God save the king:
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us:
God save the king.

THE BENEDICTIONThe Grand Master

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage;
hold fast that which is good; render to no man evil for evil;
strengthen the faint hearted; support the weak; help the

afflicted; honour all men; love and serve the King, and may the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe be upon you this day and forever. Amen.

Choirmaster:
V. WOR. BROTHER J. J. LYON

At the Piano:
BROTHER FRED WALKER

It was a day of inspiration. Scores of members who attended the Service asked for more. It would appear that a re-awakened interest in the Craft followed our Service, and Lodge Officers have subsequently reported a better attendance at Lodge meetings.

EVACUEE CHILDREN FROM BRITAIN

In the early days of the war it appeared that we might have a formidable task set before us in connection with children evacuated from the Motherland. The children who are now in Canada, and who reached our shores before we had opportunity to set up any machinery to carry out this activity came here under government auspices or specifically to relatives of their own. Subsequently, as is well known, the authorities in Great Britain suspended this work and thus, for the time being, the sub-committee in charge of our Manitoba effort are obliged to mark time. We are, however, prepared to co-operate or act along definite lines to our own satisfaction once the need for accommodation, foster homes, etc., is made known to us.

WAR EFFORT FUND — \$50,000

The Service of Witness which has been reported above, was the opening salvo of the Campaign to raise the objective of our Fund. Freemasons are instructed to believe in deeds, to prosecute the work, and not lay down their tools once the call to duty has been sounded.

Your Campaign Committee issued a brochure, using as the title, the historic phrase of Winston Churchill, "We shall never surrender." A copy of this booklet should have reached every brother who holds membership in a Manitoba Lodge, because a sufficient supply was mailed to every Secretary in the Jurisdiction, prior to the opening of our Campaign.
To the Members of All Constituent Lodges:

The general plan of the Masonic War Effort adopted by Grand Lodge has already been communicated to all the Lodges in our Jurisdiction. You are again reminded of the threefold nature of this activity.

- (a) Service of Witness and Dedication.
- (b) Raising a Fund of Fifty Thousand Dollars.
- (c) Evacuee children from Britain.

Our service referred to under (a) was held in the Winnipeg Auditorium on Sunday, 17th November, 1940, and unquestionably was one of the greatest Masonic gatherings ever held in the Dominion of Canada. In addition to the hundreds of our brethren, who filled the Winnipeg Civic Auditorium to capacity, there were thousands more in every part of the West who participated by means of their Radio.

But, great as the Service was from the standpoint of attendance and airway reception, its true value can only be measured by the extent and manner, in which the individual assumes his personal responsibility, for the objective in view.

The Committee charged with section (b) of our War Effort now approach the membership as a whole, asking for this expression of their consecrated service in our drive to raise the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars.

Surely there is no Freemason in Manitoba who has not already realized that Democracy is at grips again. The vital point of attack for many months has been the City of London, but from the Orkneys in the north, to Land's End in the south, the influence of that attack has been felt, and the spirit of the people of the Motherland has won the admiration of everyone who values Freedom and Liberty.

Let us heed the voice of our kith and kin in Britain as expressed on their behalf by their Prime Minister, Winston Churchill:

"We shall not flag or fail, we shall go on to the End, we shall fight on the seas and oceans, we shall fight with growing confidence and growing strength in the air, we shall defend our Island, whatever the cost may be, we shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields, and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills, we shall never surrender and even if, which I do not for a moment believe, this Island, or even part of it, is subjugated and starving, then our Empire across the seas, armed and guarded by the British fleet, will carry on the struggle until, in God's good time, the New World, in all its strength and might, sets forth to the rescue and liberation of the Old."

What is your reaction to this statement and in what manner do you express devotion to your heritage?

If you believe in Freemasonry, you believe in Liberty—in Freedom—in Democracy. Freemasonry is more than a symbol. It is the artery of Freedom and all that Freedom implies; the right of self-government, of free thought and free speech; of respect for others and obedience to the Law.

Every Freemason is called upon to embark on a crusade not merely to preserve the achievements of the past but to perpetuate them. The privileges of free men have been assailed. Civilization has been challenged. What does this mean to you?

Our way of life did not just "happen." It is necessary that we must re-state our faith and we need not be told, over and over again, of the pain and suffering it cost to give us what we have in our National Life.

In a recent Radio broadcast listeners were thrilled with the voice of Madeline Carrol. As it rang with emotion, she said:

"My Mother, who is tonight, along with others, in an air-raid shelter somewhere in Kent, once told me never to ask for anything unless I had first given thanks for what I had received."

"To give thanks for what I had received." What a challenge is contained in these eight simple words. Yes, and they carry an interrogation to every Freemason in Manitoba when they consider the part they will assume in our War Effort Contribution.

It is respectfully suggested that every member take counsel with himself in the sanctuary of his own "upper room." Let each brother ask himself: "Have I given thanks for what I have received?"

Freemasonry still means something in our National Economy. The spirit of Brotherly Love, of Goodwill, of Friendship, is unchangeable. It is an essential factor in true Democracy. The clarion call has been sounded and our Craft has committed itself to make a contribution to the War Effort of the Empire.

We, the Freemasons of Manitoba, by our Service of Witness and Dedication have put our hands to the plow. We dare not look back. The Enemy we are fighting has challenged us by his incessant war against the craft in every country he has invaded. He intimated by Radio not long ago that we, the British people, cannot make up our minds unanimously to do anything, least of all work and sacrifice for our way of life. Let us, at this time, throw the challenge back. This is indeed a testing time. The need of consecrated service was never greater.

Therefore, let every Lodge, every Member, accept with determination the responsibility to accomplish our full share of the task imposed on us.

The officers of your Lodge will organize the work of collecting for the Fund, within the membership of the Lodge. Some member will be allotted your name. When he calls be ready to give your response. His is a labor of love so do not make his work a burden by asking him to "call again." If you are a non-resident member of your Lodge, do not make distance an excuse for being a non-contributor. Take heed of this message and send your contribution direct to the Secretary of the Lodge.

This is the message of your brethren charged with solemn responsibility and is concluded with words from the Prayer of Dedication, reverently offered by the Grand Chaplain at the Service of Witness:

"From infirmity of purpose, from want of earnest care and interest, from the sluggishness of indolence, and the slackness of indifference, and from all deadness of heart, Save us and keep us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord."

BEN. C. PARKER, General Chairman.
WILLIAM DOUGLAS, Campaign Chairman

"Come then let us to the task, to the battle and the toil. Each to our own part, each to our own station. Fill the Armies. Rule the Air. Pour out the Munitions. Strangle the U-Boats. Sweep the Mines. Plow the Land. Build the Ships. Guard the Streets. Succour the Wounded. Uplift the Downcast, and Honor the Brave. Let us go forward together in all parts of the Empire, in all parts of this Island. There is not a week nor a day, nor an hour to be lost."

—WINSTON CHURCHILL.

The members throughout the length and breadth of our Province are interested in the result, not merely with regard to the total sum remitted to the Grand Secretary, but rather to the details of the contributions made through the Constituent Lodges. We submit our statistical analysis, which includes the money received for the Fund up to and including Tuesday, 3rd June, 1941—this will appear as an appendix and will be found at the end of this report.

That, my brethren, is our report today. The amount in the bank amounts to \$43,352.66. If our Campaign Chairman was asked if he was satisfied, his reply would be a very deliberate and definite "no."

There are many evidences that we have members in this old Craft, who do not understand the meaning of the simple words "I promise and swear" or else they simply assume responsibilities and make vows, with a degree of complacency that is appalling.

We respectfully direct your attention to the statistical analysis which appears below. You will see that less than 5,000 members out of a membership totalling 10,131 made their War Effort contribution. Those who did contribute have succeeded in producing a creditable average, but what of hundreds who have paid no heed to the Masonic call for help, aid and assistance to the needs of our Empire?

Your Committee are quite well aware that there are brethren upon whom the hand of misfortune has fallen—Freemasonry never has asked nor looked for the impossible to happen—we know these facts and recognize that circumstances have prevented some good brothers from adding their mite. Our General comment upon the campaign bears no reference to the unfortunate—but what of the others?

I should dread hearing spoken of the Masons of Manitoba the requiem Marshal Petain pronounced over his beloved France:

"Our Spirit of Enjoyment was stronger than our Spirit of Sacrifice. We wanted to have more than we wanted to give. We tried to spare effort and met disaster."

Today, the regulations which govern this Grand Lodge require that we submit a review of the work committed to our care. With more than half our membership listed as non-contributors, we cannot think we have completed the job.

The needs of the Empire are increasingly more urgent now than when we commenced our Campaign. If the tools are to be provided to enable Winston Churchill to finish the job, then let us contemplate the task of completing our job by seeking out the six thousand non-contributors and collect their share of the price.

To those whose contributions are recorded in our list, we express a grateful acknowledgment. And there are many among the first contributors who are prepared to travel a second mile and carry a double load. We have tried to emphasize the fact that Liberty and Freedom were worth dying for when they were

purchased with the blood of our forefathers. Never forefathers. Never forget this. Yet, in a great many instances, we find men who ignore this fact while others value this inestimable privilege—their heritage—at the unbelievable price of a dollar bill.

This is the report of your Committee prepared in sincerity and fraternally submitted.

WILLIAM DOUGLAS,
Campaign Chairman.

BEN C. PARKER,
General Chairman.

On motion of M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas (4), seconded by R.W. Bro. Ben C. Parker (4), the report of the War Effort Committee was received and adopted.

WAR EFFORT FUND

Summary of Contributions up to and Including June 3rd, 1941

No.	Lodge	No. Members	No. Contributors	Amount Pledged	Amount. Received	Lodge Funds
1	Prince Rupert's	425	238	1,539.66	1,539.66	4,000.00
2	Lisgar	124	68	302.00	302.00	.....
3	Ancient Landmark	367	179	1,085.75	1,080.75	4,000.00
4	St. John's	584	318	2,184.35	2,095.35	5,000.00
6	Emerson	60	30	203.00	183.00	.....
7	Assiniboine	178	77	454.60	437.10	.....
8	King Solomon	60	36	192.50	192.50	.....
10	Northern Light	270	159	1,273.50	1,147.00	.....
11	Gladstone	72	..	225.00	225.00	.....
12	Stonewall	88	48	230.50	230.50	500.00
13	Belmont	74	37	165.50	165.50	34.50
14	Prince of Wales	95	..	183.00	183.00	.....
15	Corinthian	51	16	51.50	51.50	.....
19	Brandon	188	77	315.50	315.50	.....
24	Neepawa	133	78	374.03	369.03	.....
25	Ionic	512	336	2,300.00	2,300.00	.....
27	Glenwood	117	46	159.00	159.00	.....
29	Carberry	65	23	105.00	105.00	.....
30	Manitou	49	..	....	....	250.00
36	Doric	86	51	275.00	267.00	.....
39	Birtle	48	24	100.50	100.50	.....
40	Deloraine	67	22	55.00	54.00	50.00
43	Lebanon	75	27	151.00	151.00	.....
44	Oak Lake	28	20	44.00	44.00	6.00
48	Glenboro	48	23	111.00	111.00	.....
49	Temple	74	50	253.45	253.45	46.55
50	Killarney	62	31	196.50	196.50	.....
51	Treherne	43	18	70.00	70.00	.....
52	Hartney	78	14	47.00	47.00	.....
54	Oriental	46	33	165.00	164.85	.....
55	East Star	46	28	123.00	104.25	.....
62	Russell	44	18	60.00	60.00	.....
63	Holland	51	39	204.00	204.00	.....
64	Composite	41	17	32.82	32.82	.....
67	Wawanesa	37	24	102.00	102.00	.....
68	Vermillion	156	75	444.50	442.50	.....
70	Shiloh	69	45	203.00	181.00	50.00
71	Crystal	36	22	85.75	85.75	.....
Forward		4647	2345	14,069.91	13,753.01	13,937.05

WAR EFFORT FUND—Continued

No.	Lodge	No. Members	No. Contributors	Amount Pledged	Amount Received	Lodge Funds
Forward		4647	2345	14,069.91	13,753.01	13,937.05
74	Elkhorn	38	17	50.00	50.00	.....
75	Gothic	53	21	43.00	43.00	50.00
77	Napinka	51	7	27.00	27.00	.....
82	Cypress	35	..	....	....	.....
84	Hamiota	50	11	47.00	47.00	.....
86	Elgin	55	36	138.00	138.00	.....
87	Rathwell	24	12	54.00	50.00	.....
90	Midlothian	59	14	69.00	69.00	.....
92	Shoal Lake	71	57	232.50	217.50	.....
93	KingEdward	322	113	552.50	552.50	.....
94	Hiram	53	30	137.00	137.00	.....
100	Robbie Burns	30	11	55.00	52.00	.....
101	Binsearth	36	16	68.00	62.00	.....
102	Miniota	58	27	112.00	112.00	.....
103	Crescent	40	15	101.00	101.00	.....
104	Reston	101	60	169.00	167.00	.....
105	Prince Arthur	63	32	137.00	137.00	.....
106	Strathclair	40	24	98.58	98.58	.....
107	Lansdowne	42	23	62.00	62.00	.....
108	Union	32	18	84.00	84.00	.....
109	Swan Lake	20	14	89.50	80.00	.....
110	Kilwinning	45	15	22.75	22.75	.....
111	Acacia	196	115	418.50	418.50	.....
112	Ophir	61	23	96.00	96.00	.....
113	Tweed	243	102	475.75	473.75	.....
114	"The Assiniboine"	352	130	1,396.50	1,330.50	.....
115	Rivers	43	13	22.00	22.00	.....
116	St. Andrew's	39	20	97.00	93.00	.....
117	Stratheona	57	44	181.25	181.25	25.00
118	Mound	48	16	56.50	56.50	.....
119	Norwood	175	105	481.50	481.50	.....
120	Penza	33	16	68.00	68.00	.....
121	St. James	154	84	422.00	415.00	.....
122	Roblin	33	23	119.50	119.65	.....
123	Transcona	116	58	158.50	158.50	.....
124	The Pas	87	38	250.50	250.50	.....
125	Patricia	25	16	61.00	61.00	.....
126	Favel	36	..	.....	.....	.....
Forward		7663	3723	20,723.24	20,287.99	14,012.05

WAR EFFORT FUND—Continued

No.	Lodge	No. Members	No. Contributors	Amount Pledged	Amount Received	Lodge Funds
Forward		7663	3723	20,723.24	20,287.99	14,012.05
127	Empire	123	75	254.00	254.00	.....
128	Victory	37	..	.....	.....	.....
129	Shellmouth	21	..	.....	.....	.....
130	Fort Garry	188	111	713.50	713.50	500.00
131	Kildonan	85	50	388.00	388.00	.....
132	Sprague	27	24	56.00	56.00	.....
133	McCreary	35	16	105.00	105.00	.....
134	Stony Mountain	56	31	81.00	72.50	.....
136	Capitol	163	96	487.22	487.22	20.00
137	Lord Selkirk	104	74	391.00	376.00	.....
138	Windsor	126	67	312.00	308.50	.....
139	Beaver	199	94	429.50	427.50	.....
140	Meridian	245	165	762.00	751.50	.....
141	Tuscan	70	22	136.00	129.00	71.00
142	Harmony	20	3	14.00	14.00	25.00
143	Mt. Sinai	198	151	1,162.00	1,162.00	.....
144	Fort Osborne	113	58	248.50	246.50	.....
145	Sturgeon Creek	82	49	251.00	251.00	49.00
146	Fidelity	110	74	444.50	515.50	.....
147	Jubilee	42	17	44.00	44.00	.....
148	Seven Oaks	87	61	229.30	229.30	.....
150	Cartwright	32	17	41.50	41.50	.....
151	The Dormer	41	37	206.00	211.00	289.00
152	Foxwarren	31	14	36.00	36.00	.....
153	Flin Flon	88	57	533.50	514.00	50.00
154	Pine Falls	41	33	151.50	151.50	.....
155	Carman	45	37	145.00	145.00	.....
156	Manitouwapa	41	39	143.00	143.00	.....
		<u>10113</u>	<u>5196</u>	<u>28,486.26</u>	<u>28,061.01</u>	<u>15,016.05</u>

Members\$28,061.01

Lodges 15,016.05

Miscellaneous 275.60

\$43,352.66

WAR EFFORT FUND—Continued

List of Miscellaneous Subscriptions:

Keystone Chapter No. 2, Portage.....	\$50.00	
Three Brethren from Huron, South Dakota.....	16.50	
Electa Chapter No. 2, Order of Eastern Star, Portage	25.00	
W. C. McDonald, D.D.G.M.'s Expense cheque.....	50.00	
Brethren of Tongue River Lodge, North Dakota....	77.00	
Brethren of Walhalla Lodge, North Dakota.....	56.10	
A. E. Boyle	1.00	
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Ralph W. Stanford, Willmer, Minnesota.....	11.00	
Grafton Chapter, Grafton, North Dakota.....	27.50	
Masonic Church Service, Rapid City.....	47.85	
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COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, and Brethren:

It is the pleasure of your Committee to report herewith on the Grand Master's Address.

The address is token of that genuine interest and ardent devotion to the cause of Freemasonry by one who has drank deeply at the fountain of freedom, truth and friendship. There is ever present the hand that adds the human touch and the eye that interprets the meaning of man's journey as the improvement of human relationships in a God-given environment. Above all, there is the evidence of courage necessary to any occasion. The address is replete with restatement and concrete illustration of those simple yet fundamental truths which we believe to be the distinguishing characteristics of English Freemasonry operating in furtherance of social and political progress under any national flag.

Information as to the itinerary of the Grand Master, visits to Lodges, to District meetings, to special Masonic gatherings, and to other Grand Jurisdictions, necessitating travel of approximately 10,000 miles, reveals something of the physical effort and sacrifice to give of his talents and inspiration to Masonic leadership during his year of office as Grand Master. The spirit of the reception accorded everywhere tells the story of the appreciation of the Brethren. Your Committee can but record in words, if not in spirit, the appreciation of this Grand Lodge, assembled in annual Communication.

Suitable reference is made to the loss sustained through the passing of M.W. Brother Andrew Browning Baird, Grand Master of this Grand Lodge in 1922-1923. How magnificent an epigraph could the words of the address be carved upon the tomb of the late revered M.W. Brother, to quote—"During a long life of service he had the happiness that comes to those who serve their God and their fellow-men. His happy chuckle, his warm hand-clasp, his wise counsel, his sweet reasonableness, his valued friendship and his uplifting influence will long be remembered within the Craft."

Reference, appropriate at any time but more so in these days of peril, to Masonry and to Liberty is made to the passing of Grand Masters of jurisdictions within the two American continents.

There is recognition throughout the address of the need that we as individuals come to feel that sense of unity on behalf of the nobler things of life, out and beyond our own little horizons; need to feel the wounds of mankind; need to commune with those not so afflicted. Passage after passage makes of that a central theme. The newly appointed representatives to other Grand Jurisdictions near to this Grand Lodge are admonished to make every effort by pen or, if possible, in person to tie the bonds of understanding still closer. Intimate pictures of visits to the communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, to the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, to the Centennial Celebration of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, to the picnic on Masonic Island, Lake Metigoshe, all breathe the spirit of a common purpose. Read these passages and gather unto yourself some sense of the great accretions to personality of these simple, and sometimes more spectacular, yet homely family meetings.

Second only to unity of purpose, and a phase thereof, is the extended reference to Masonic effort on behalf of liberty of conscience and human decency. Definitely, and before the public, have we taken a stand and made it known. The Masonic Service of Consecration and Patriotic Fund Effort will stand as the distinguishing new advances of the year. As Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction has made history for the Craft, your Committee concurs in the thought of the address that the detail and spirit of the undertaking should be revealed. It is not usual to find communications with the Prime Minister of this country written into the address of the Grand Master. But it is fitting that we signify our allegiance with the political effort on behalf of humanity and the Grand Master sought the most direct and concrete method to that end. Let us remember that the advance of last year and of this are rallying calls on behalf of those things we believe in and love and the more complete the report, the more will be added to that unquenchable rising flame of determination to see it through.

We commend the Grand Master on the attention given the presentation of Veteran medals. It was a charming act to so remember the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. This is but one of the many evidences of a keen understanding of the appeal of kindly acts to men. Throughout the address, the Grand Master repeatedly senses and gives voice to the appreciation shown by members of the Craft. It was in their midst and a part of his presence.

In conclusion, your Committee desires to congratulate the Grand Master upon the completion of a year of ardent service to the Craft, and for an address, which once again, marshals the

soul of Freemasonry behind the common effort of liberty-loving peoples. We shall continue to march on under the spirit of his message.

Fraternally submitted,

D. S. WOODS,

Chairman, Committee on the Grand Master's Address.

On motion of M.W. Bro. D. S. Woods (90), seconded by M.W. Bro. Jabez Miller (25), the report on the Grand Master's Address was received and adopted.

COMMITTEE ON GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

To the M.W. Grand Master and Members of the

Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee, to whom the report of the Grand Secretary has been referred, beg to comment as follows:

In the main the comments of your committee must be a repetition of those of previous years. The report of the Grand Secretary is wholly statistical and is very complete and interesting. It shows that the affairs of Grand Lodge have been conducted in a very careful and efficient manner.

There are two points which your committee consider require attention.

First, the number of Life Memberships held in the Grand Jurisdiction. This increasing proportion of Life Memberships is bound to have a detrimental effect on the financial standing of the Constituent Lodges, especially the smaller lodges where so large a proportion of Life Memberships would greatly reduce the annual revenue of the Lodge.

Second, the annual net loss of memberships in the Grand Jurisdiction. These losses, we might say, are to some extent at least subject to control as Suspensions and Demits account for a much larger number than the net loss each year. It is true that the annual net loss does not amount to a very high figure, but according to the Grand Secretary's report the accumulated net loss for the past five years amounts to 922.

Your committee would recommend that these two points be referred to the incoming committee on the Condition of Freemasonry for their attention and investigation.

Your committee wish to express appreciation for the very able and efficient manner in which the duties of the Grand Secretary have been carried on during the past year.

Fraternally submitted,

M. S. DONOVAN,

Chairman of the Committee.

On motion of R.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan (113), seconded by R.W. Bro. J. Frank Dart (93), the report was received and adopted.

FRATERNAL DEAD

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

The work of this Grand Lodge Communication would be incomplete if we did not pause at this moment to think of our brethren who have passed on to the Grand Lodge Above during the past year. Some of them were distinguished members of our ancient Craft, many more belonged to that great body of quiet, earnest brethren who make life a joy to all who know and love them. All of them were men like us dedicated to the fulfilment of God's purpose of bringing harmony and love into the lives of men the world over.

This is no time for tears of mourning, nor for much speaking—let it suffice that we thank God for all our beloved departed and pray that we may follow their good examples and be made partakers of their heavenly immortality.

“Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.

O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old;
And win, with them, the victor's crown of gold.

Hallelujah!”

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE R. CALVERT,

Chairman.

ADDRESSES BY GUESTS

During the proceedings of the afternoon session, the Most Worshipful Grand Master called upon:

M.W. Bro. Mark Forkner, P.G.M. of Grand Lodge of North Dakota.
M.W. Bro. Samuel Harris, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

M.W. Bro. Chauncey C. Colton, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

M.W. Bro. Gustav Widell, P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota,
M.W. Bro. Charles M. Pollock, P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota.

M.W. Bro. Ralph W. Stanford, P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

R.W. Bro. Wm. B. Sturtz, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

V.W. Bro. Wm. B. Congdon, Grand Pursuivant of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

These brethren brought Fraternal Greetings from their Grand Jurisdictions, and gave very interesting and instructive addresses full of goodwill, and hope for the future of Freemasonry and our Democratic way of life.

There being no further business, Grand Lodge was called from Labor to Refreshment, by the Most Worshipful Grand Master until 8:00 p.m.

Second Day Evening Session

The Grand Master, Most Worshipful Bro. J. J. Henderson accompanied by Grand Lodge Officers and our Distinguished Guests formed in procession and entered the Lodge Room, while the brethren sang:

“Rise up, O Men of God”

Grand Lodge was called from Refreshment to Labor at 8:00 o'clock p.m. by the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. Canon George R. Calvert, presented R.W. The Ven. Archdeacon Albert Philip Gower-Rees, and introduced him to the Most Worshipful Grand Master and brethren.

Our Distinguished Guest was received with Grand Honors, welcomed by the Grand Master, who asked R.W. Bro. Canon George R. Calvert to conduct our guest to a seat in the East.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND RECEPTION

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Credentials and Reception beg to report
as follows:

There are 104 Chartered Lodges on the Grand Lodge Register, 86 Lodges are represented by one or more of their three Principal Officers, 18 are unrepresented, namely:

Doric Lodge No. 36	Mound Lodge No. 118
Birtle Lodge No. 39	The Pas Lodge No. 124
Temple Lodge No. 49	Favel Lodge No. 126
Oriental Lodge No. 54	Shellmouth Lodge No. 129
Wawanesa Lodge No. 67	Sprague Lodge No. 132
Crystal Lodge No. 71	Harmony Lodge No. 142
Elkhorn Lodge No. 74	Foxwarren Lodge No. 152
Hamiota Lodge No. 84	Flin Flon Lodge No. 153
Binscarth Lodge No. 101	Manitouwapa Lodge No. 156

Ninety-six Lodges have one or more Past Masters present and Eight Lodges have neither a Past Master or Officer present.

There are:

Past Masters Present.....	400
Worshipful Masters Present.....	68
Senior Wardens Present	37
Junior Wardens Present	45
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Total Vote	550

WM. C. BIRT,
Chairman.

No.	Name of Lodge	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Tot. Vote
1	Prince Rupert's	1	1	1	12	15
2	Lisgar			1	8	9
3	Ancient Landmark .	1	1		7	9
4	St. John's	1	1	1	14	17
6	Emerson	1	1	1	6	9
7	Assiniboine	1		1	6	8
8	King Solomon		1		1	2
10	Northern Light	1	1	1	27	30
11	Gladstone	1	1		3	5
12	Stonewall	1	1	1	6	9
13	Belmont	1	1		3	5
14	Prince of Wales	1	1		1	3
15	Corinthian	1		1		2
19	Brandon	1	1		3	5
24	Neepawa	1		1	4	6
25	Ionic	1		1	9	11
27	Glenwood	1	1	1		3
29	Carberry	1		1	2	4
30	Manitou	1			4	5
36	Doric				2	2
39	Birtle					
40	Deloraine	1			3	4
43	Lebanon		1		2	3
44	Oak Lake	1			2	3
48	Glenboro	1			2	3
49	Temple				3	3
50	Killarney	1			2	3
51	Treherne			1	3	4
52	Hartney	1		1	2	4
54	Oriental				6	6
55	East Star		1		4	5
62	Russell	1			1	2
63	Holland	1			3	4
64	Composite	1			2	3
67	Wawanesa				1	1
68	Vermillion		1	1	1	3
70	Shiloh	1		1	5	7
71	Crystal				1	1
74	Elkhorn					
75	Gothic		1			1
77	Napinka	1			1	2
82	Cypress	1			1	2
84	Hamiota					
86	Elgin	1			4	5
87	Rathwell	1			8	9
90	Midlothian	1			2	3
92	Shoal Lake	1		1	3	5
93	King Edward		1	1	23	25
94	Hiram			1	5	6
100	Robbie Burns		1			1
101	Binscarth					
102	Miniota	1		1	3	5

No.	Name of Lodge	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Tot. Vote
103	Crescent	1		1	1	3
104	Reston	1		1	1	3
105	Prince Arthur	1				1
106	Strathclair		1		4	5
107	Lansdowne			1	1	2
108	Union	1			4	5
109	Swan Lake		1		1	2
110	Kilwinning	1	1		2	4
111	Acacia	1			5	6
112	Ophir	1			1	2
113	Tweed	1		1	9	11
114	"The Assiniboine" ..	1			9	10
115	Rivers	1				1
116	St. Andrew's			1	4	5
117	Strathcona	1			1	2
118	Mound				1	1
119	Norwood	1	1	1	11	14
120	Penza	1	1	1	6	9
121	St. James	1	1	1	6	9
122	Roblin			1	1	2
123	Transcona	1		1	1	3
124	The Pas					
125	Patricia	1			2	3
126	Favel					
127	Empire	1	1	1	2	5
128	Victory			1	1	2
129	Shellmouth					
130	Fort Garry	1	1	1	8	11
131	Kildonan	1	1		8	10
132	Sprague				1	1
133	McCreary			1		1
134	Stony Mountain	1		1	3	5
136	Capitol	1	1	1	14	17
137	Lord Selkirk	1		1	5	7
138	Windsor	1		1	6	8
139	Beaver	1	1	1	5	8
140	Meridian	1			6	7
141	Tuscan	1	1	1	7	10
142	Harmony					
143	Mt. Sinai	1	1	1	11	14
144	Fort Osborne	1	1	1	3	6
145	Sturgeon Creek	1	1		4	6
146	Fidelity	1	1	1	6	9
147	Jubilee		1	1	5	7
148	Seven Oaks	1	1		6	8
150	Cartwright	1			2	3
151	The Dormer	1	1		6	8
152	Foxwarren				1	1
153	Flin Flon				2	2
154	Pine Falls	1			3	4
155	Carman	1		1	2	4
156	Manitouwapa				1	1
	Totals	68	37	45	400	550

Moved by V.W. Bro. Wm. C. Birt (4), seconded by R.W. Bro. Hugh M. Kerr (113), the report was received and adopted.

PRESENTATION OF FIFTY-YEAR JEWELS

BRO. WILLIAM A. McKEE, Initiated into Deloraine Lodge No. 40, on 2nd April, 1890.

Passed on 30th, July, 1890.

Raised on 27th, Aug., 1890.

Jewel presented by M.W. Bro. George Hunter.

BRO. ROBERT A. WILLIAMSON, Initiated into Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3, on 10th November, 1890.

Passed on 12th January, 1891.

Raised on 9th February, 1891.

BRO. FREDERICK ENDRESS, Initiated into Washington Lodge No. 260, Petrolia, Grand Lodge of Canada (in Ontario).

Jewels were presented by the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson.

The Grand Master congratulated these brethren for their Fifty or more years of fine service to Freemasonry.

SPECIAL REQUEST

For the benefit of those who were absent from the Morning Session, M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas gave an outline of the fine report on the Grand Lodge War Effort Fund, that he, as Campaign Chairman, had presented at the morning session, and been regularly adopted.

The Boys of St. Matthew's Church Choir were invited to enter, and under the leadership of Bro. Fred Walker (1), their organist and instructor, gave the four following selections to the great delight of those present.

I Vow to Thee, My Country.....Gustav Holst
Music Spread Thy Voice Around.....Handel
Fairest Isle (Britain).....Henry Purcell
The Star Spangled Banner.....John Stafford Smith

The last selection was rendered in honor of our Distinguished Guests from Minnesota and North Dakota.

M.W. Bro. Chauncey C. Colton, Grand Master of Minnesota, on behalf of our United States Guests thanked the Choir most sincerely for their thoughtfulness and the delightful rendering of their National Anthem.

The Grand Master also thanked the Boys and Bro. Walker for their kindness in coming and the great pleasure it had been to have them sing to us.

The Grand Master introduced The Ven. Archdeacon Albert Philip Gower-Rees, our guest speaker and asked him to kindly address the Grand Lodge.

ADDRESS OF THE VEN. ARCHDEACON ALBERT PHILIP GOWER-REES

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Officers,
Officers and Brethren:

It is not only a great privilege, but a great responsibility that I have undertaken in consenting to deliver the oration at this Grand Lodge Communication of Manitoba, but the very gracious and fraternal welcome and greeting extended to me provides me with the confidence that will enable me to proceed with the task that is now mine. On my swift journey from Montreal last night I found it desperately difficult not only to sleep but also to decide upon the particular subject that I would discuss with you in this great assembly. The thought which is uppermost in our minds at the present time is that of war. It haunts us day and night, and naturally men are ready to listen to the expression of an opinion on any aspect of the war that may be offered. I listened at the luncheon today to the

timely and impressive address delivered by W. Bro. McGillivray and that, I felt, relieved me from the necessity of confining myself to the discussion of the war situation. therefore I will conform to the ancient custom of Grand Lodge Communication—"That the oration on such an occasion as this should deal with matters concerning the Masonic Order, and that reference to party politics and sectarian religion should be avoided." It is almost inevitable that some reference to the grim struggle in which we are now involved will be expected before I finish, but at the moment, I feel that you will expect me to make a contribution to your Masonic knowledge. I venture therefore to proceed along these lines—What is the origin of Freemasonry? Can we survey with encouragement the growth and expansion of the Order? What is the meaning of Freemasonry? And what have Freemasons to say about war?

First, the Origin and growth of Freemasonry . Many have been the questions that have been asked regarding the origin of Freemasonry, particularly by the younger members of our Masonic Lodges. I have spoken in no less than one hundred and fifty-two Lodges in various parts of Canada in the last twelve years, and I have been impressed by the keenness of the younger members to know a little more about the origin of the Order. I think Mr. G. K. Chesterton was right when he said "We have asked all the questions possible, and it is about time we began to answer some of them." It seems to me that all possible questions with reference to our Masonry have been asked and "it is about time" the leaders of the Order provided answers to some of them, if Freemasonry is to survive the test which now confronts it with other institutions.

All institutions are now being tested, and only institutions that can justify their existence by results will have the right to survive in the "New World Order" that will inevitably come when the war is over. That is true not only of Freemasonry but also of our Churches, of other institutions and systems. They will have to justify their existence. With reference to the questions that have been asked regarding the origin of Freemasonry—many fantastic

answers have been offered, not only by well tried and tested Freemasons, but actually in masonic literature. For instance, it has been suggested that Noah and his two sons were three of the major officers of a lodge. Such a claim ranks with that of a friendly Society, that Adam was an Oddfellow. That may be true, for he was "odd" but to lay claim that Noah and his two sons were senior officers of a Masonic Lodge is going a little too far. There can be a fair explanation given to the tradition that links King Solomon with our Freemasonry, but that again must not be stressed too much. It is very necessary that we should bear in mind, that Masonry can stand on its own merits, and needs no false bolstering. Any attempt to collect legends in support of our Freemasonry really weakens its claims.

In order to emphasize its antiquity, attempts have been made to prove that the first Masonic Lodge was formed by the first Christian British martyr, St. Alban, in 287 A.D. in England, and that King Edwin, the first Christian King of Northumbria, one of the seven Kingdoms of Southern Britain, was a patron of the Order in the 7th Century and that King Athelstan granted a Charter to Freemasons and that he or his son presided over a Grand Lodge at York in the year 936 A.D. and that King Edward III revised the Constitutions of Masonry in the 14th Century. Those are claims no historian would support, knowing Masonry as you and I know it.

I repeat that Freemasonry can stand on its own merits and needs no false bolstering. Its origin may probably be found in the procedure and ceremonies of the Operative Guilds of "free masons" which were organized bodies of skilled men who worked in various countries during the great cathedral-building period of the Middle Ages. There are documents in existence which show that our ceremonies, lectures, and particularly the symbols used in our Lodge room have been borrowed from those old operative Guilds. Their work-room was probably their Lodge room, and the "lodge" was presided over by a master mason. They had their rules, ceremonies and rituals, and their working tools were used as symbols in the teaching of elementary

virtues. The gavel was no doubt used to call the workmen to refreshment, rest or recreation, and for the resumption of work. It was difficult to gain admission into that exclusive band; every man was thoroughly tested, and he was admitted under oath.

Those old guilds were closely associated with the Christian Church, and their allegiance to the Church was one of their articles of faith. A great deal of what we have become acquainted with in our Masonry is derived from such a source. In the 17th Century we find that besides operatives, persons of aristocratic birth and social standing were admitted into those guilds. We read that in 1641 the Rt. Hon. Robert Moray, General Quartermaster of the Army of Scotland was admitted as a "speculative" Mason of a Lodge in Newcastle. From that time on, many more of his type were admitted into the "operative Lodges" and there became acquainted with the symbols, rituals and ceremonies.

With the incoming of the 18th Century, the movement for the centralization of the Order began. Lodges were springing up here and there without authority as there existed no Grand Lodge to grant a Charter or warrant. So in 1717 the Grand Lodge of England came into being and that marked the beginning of Freemasonry as you and I know it. It is not necessary to lay claim that there is direct continuity between us and the Egyptians or even those Hebrews, who built in the reign of King Solomon, a certain temple at Jerusalem. It is not wise to claim that our symbolic Masonry reached a high level of development during the building of the Pyramids. Our rituals and ceremonies were compiled round about the year 1700 and the genesis of modern Masonry may be traced to the medieval Building Guilds. The movement which came into activity some 250 years ago incorporated the splendor ritual and the elementary symbolism that, for centuries previously, had been employed in connection with those Guilds, but it gave to them a fuller meaning and a far wider scope. The reasons for the attempt to weld the remnants of Freemasonry into a central organization in 1717 will be appreciated when

it is recalled how men had grown tired of the ceaseless political and sectarian strife. There grew up a desire for an association which men could join and in which they could meet together for spiritual edification, without being disturbed by the discussion of party politics and sectarian religion. Hence the order in our Masonic lecture "that no questions of religion or politics shall be introduced into the Lodge." That order refers to the general political and religious situation in England when the Grand Lodge came into existence. With the creation of the Grand Lodge grew the necessity for the drawing up of constitutions, and rules, and preparing ceremonials and rituals. Several scholars interested in such matters were available at that time, and among them was the well-known Presbyterian James Anderson. It is to him that we are indebted for a great deal of what we have by way of Masonic ritual today. But the great Master-soul in Masonry in those early years of the organized existence of Grand Lodge was Dr. John Theophilus Desagulier, an Oxford professor, and a Fellow of the Royal Society, who contributed his great scholarship to lay the foundation of the Order as you and I know it today. Later, other great men appeared to guide the destiny of Freemasonry, including Dermott and Dunkerley, who with Desagulier were known to Masons as "the three great D's" of Masonry. Those, with others, were the men who contributed to the creation and expansion of a movement, that provided for the spiritual needs of men. The Masonic Order was a response to the desire for an opportunity for peaceful contemplation and for guidance in spiritual life.

It will be noted that every lodge is consecrated to the Supreme Being and that every member declares his belief in that Being. Every Mason declares his loyalty to his country and obedience to its laws; he recognizes the rights of his fellowmen, and respects their liberties. Those are the things members of the Masonic Order stand for, and from the very beginning until now they have been respected. It is essential that every Freemason should acquaint himself with the history of the order for which he claims so much,

to which he owes so much and which he desires to expand still further for the benefit of his fellowmen as well as for his own.

After the creation of the Grand Lodge, Freemasonry began to expand very rapidly. The Grand Lodge of Scotland and also the Grand Lodge of Ireland shared in the activities which led to expansion. The first overseas Lodge was formed in Madrid in 1726 under the guidance of the ambitious unreliable Lord Wharton—a Jacobite, who later actually took up arms against his own country. This Lodge in Spain was formed without the authority of the Grand Lodge of England, but it was later duly recognized. Lodges soon began to spring up in countries other than England, one was established in Bengal, in Paris in 1732, in Hamburg 1733, in Lisbon and the Hague in 1735. Lodges appeared even in Russia and Turkey.

The expansion of Masonry was almost inevitable when we bear in mind that in the 18th and 19th Centuries there was a steady flow of our kinsfolk from the Motherland spreading out to inhabit the fairest lands of this earth. Streams of them came out to this continent and they brought with them ideas of liberty, and principles of social justice that made for the solidarity of the communities they established in this Western Hemisphere. Some brought with them also their Masonic Order and loyalty, and soon Lodges were formed on this Continent, some with and some without the authority of the Grand Lodge in England. The dilatoriness and delay in answering communications from this Continent in later years led many of those Lodges to separate themselves from the Grand Lodge of England.

In 1730, New England with Boston as its centre, was given a Provincial Grand Lodge, and in 1733 Henry Price, the Provincial Grand Master was very anxious to extend his Masonic dominion beyond New England. So he reached out to the provinces of Canada, and founded the Lodge of Annapolis in 1738. With Nova Scotia as originating centre, Canadian Masonry steadily spread in the 18th Century, though sometimes in an irregular way. In New England,

Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Georgia and South Carolina Masonic Lodges were well established. About the middle of the 18th Century there arose a feeling of unrest among the brethren of Canada, and it was felt that the Lodges here should create their own Grand Lodges in order that they might operate more effectively, and their Masonry become more useful in Communities that had been formed on this side of the Atlantic; so today, we have in Canada nine independent sovereign Grand Lodges, and the Masonic Order is now the most powerful in the Dominion. In the United States the membership numbers are colossal. Such progress does indeed testify to the potential power and influence of Freemasonry, and to the claim that it makes upon English freedom-loving people, who have inherited the spirit of liberty and the right to live in freedom. So we have in Canada and in the United States of America today a powerful Masonic Order firmly established, that will be expected to make a great contribution to the creation of the "new order" that we look forward to after this war.

May I now turn from that survey to a subject perhaps a little more interesting—the meaning of Masonry. It is a subject about which many, particularly young Masons are bewildered. Even after they have been raised to Master Masons they hesitate to proceed to the Royal Arch, because they are not convinced that Masonry so far has provided for them what they were led to expect. Many are the pertinent questions asked concerning the things repeated in the ceremonies, and certain points of ritual. The reason for the indifference of members, and particularly the non-attendance of many younger members of the Order may be found in our failure to give intelligent answers to their questions. We may hesitate to give those answers, because we perhaps have not fully appreciated and understood the enigmatical puzzle-language used in our ceremonies and lectures. We have been taught to think of Freemasonry as "A system of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols" but that explanation whilst true, is but partial and calls for further interpretation. There is a demand today that the language used to convey ideas shall as far

as possible be current language of our time. I hesitate to suggest a revision of our Masonic ceremonies, ritual and instruction lectures lest in the process the elegance and richness of their phraseology be marred. But if further and simpler explanation is not provided many members will remain puzzled and lose interest in the Order, because they cannot appreciate the profound content of Freemasonry which we have been trained to respect. Many attempts have been made to clarify the "official" definition of Freemasonry.

A Past Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of England says "Freemasonry can be defined as an organized system of morality, derived from Divine wisdom and age-long experience, which, for preservation from outer assault and inner decay, is veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbol." Another Past Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of England refers to Masonry as "a veiled and cryptic expression of the difficult science of spiritual life." These attempts to define Freemasonry remind me of Tolstoy and his essay on "Life". At the beginning he quotes several definitions of life, offered by other writers, and then proceeds to point out how each definition fails to embrace the full content of life. He seized each definition to expose its inadequacy and to show that definitions are but approximations to the truth. At the end, he himself finds refuge in adding yet another definition of life.

We are faced with enigmatical language in Masonry because it was felt necessary that the secrets of the Order should be concealed from the vulgar gaze. They are concealed or veiled in allegory and in phrases which the uninitiated cannot understand. Freemasonry is only secret, in so far as it has ritual and ceremonial only revealed to those admitted into the brotherhood. True Masonry is universal and belongs to that mystery which all men strive to explore. Behind all the great moral movements and developments in the history of humanity have stood what St. Paul called the keepers or "stewards of the Mysteries."

Masonry is a sacramental system, and like all sacraments it has its outward signs such as its ceremonials,

doctrines and symbols which we see and hear. It has also its inward side—the spiritual, the intellectual and the moral. Masonry is a spiritual order; it is a religion system, not a religion. It makes use of religious terms and phrases, because it is concerned with religious truths. Browning in his “Paraselsus” makes reference to a central Masonic truth when he says “To know, consists rather in opening out a way, whence the imprisoned splendour may escape”. Freemasonry is a process which helps man to appreciate his own soul, to help him to know himself, and to know something of the power that can be his. It is a marvellous system this Freemasonry, inasmuch as it points to a way by which we may become conscious of “the glimmering ray”, “the imprisoned splendour” of man. We have to get behind the ceremonials and rituals of our order that we may find that which it has to offer. To the question, “Would you say that Freemasonry has made a contribution to elevation and to the improvement of the human soul?” I would have no hesitation in replying “Certainly.” We may not give an explanation for the way in which the improvement takes place, but men exemplify the power of Freemasonry by the gentleness, generosity and graciousness of their lives. They exhibit in their conduct and in their relationships with others those graces and virtues which they have been taught almost unwittingly, in the Lodge room. The world is better for Freemasons. A revision of our lectures may be long overdue in order that we may use language understood by this generation to convey the ideas that have been universal, instead of keeping them bound within the language of another age. Freemasonry leads every member through its degrees towards the understanding of the truths he is desirous of achieving. I refuse to believe that there is a man who is unconscious of the Divine Spark that is in him. I believe that in every soul there is a consciousness of a relationship with the Architect of the Universe. Throughout the ages even among the uncivilized natives, men have been seeking relationship with the Great Spirit upon whom they feel they depend and to whom they cry when they find themselves in need. They are strangely conscious of a relationship with the Great Over-Soul and however men

may be indifferent to the appeals of religion, and present a certain carelessness about religion, there is no man who can escape the moment when he has to admit that he is brought with his soul naked into the presence of the Divine Being. Let my last word be this, and I give to you in the words of an old Japanese poem which I have found very helpful: There are some men who go along the highways of life, pick up a stone, split it, and take out a gem. That is because they know gems. There are others who go into the very mountains of wealth, and come out empty-handed; because they know not gems."

There are members of Masonic Lodges who are not Masons. There are many who come into our assemblies, who go out empty-handed, empty-hearted and empty-minded; very often confused because some hand has not taken theirs and led them into the mysteries, and pointed out to them the things that would help them to appreciate the pearl of great price to be found there.

Masonry and the War! From the beginning of Freemasonry up to now, Masons have been taught reverence, true patriotism, good citizenship, respect for law, regard for the rights of others, tolerance for the weaknesses of others, the duty to succour and support the distressed and oppressed. This is the time to put into practice these things. This is the time to reveal to the world that those are the things that we have been taught to practice, and that it is the way that will bring a new order into the world. Every Freemason by his creed assumes responsibility to do his utmost for his King and Country at the present time. We, as Freemasons, are bound to choose between slavery and freedom. We are not of the breed that will accept slavery. We demand not only liberty, for ourselves but for the unborn generations that are coming after us. Brethren learn from Freemasonry that which it has to teach towards the enriching of your personality, the deepening of your spiritual life, and the strengthening of your power that you may so live to make the world sweeter because you are Masons in it.

Ye are builders of this Temple
All your lives and all your groans,
Help to rear its stately structure
All your lives are building stones.
For this Temple ye must labour,
For its sake bear toil and grief,
In it find the end of living, and the
anchor of belief.

I will finish with the dream of those who laid down
their lives for our sakes in the last war:-

There is but one thing all our dead desire,
One thing men can give, and that's but a dream.
(Unless we too can burn with that selfsame flame
Of sacrifice, and die to things that seem.
Die to bitter hatreds, die to greed,
Die to the ignoble selves we knew,
Die to the base contempt of sect and creed,
And rise like them with souls as true.
Nay, since they died before their task was finished,
Let us build a new world not diminished
By one true splendour that they planned on earth.
This can not be done
By sword, or tongue, or pen;
There is but one way:
God make us better men.

And Masonry will help us to be that.

M.W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence moved a resolution of
thanks and appreciation to the Ven. Archdeacon for his
wonderful address, which was most heartily sustained by
standing vote and prolonged applause.

APPRECIATION

Grand Lodge on motion of M.W. Bro. Harry Woods
(130), seconded by R.W. Bro. Alex. Burgess (3), unanim-
ously adopted the following resolutions of Appreciation:

"To the 'Shrine Chanters' for their kindness in attending
our Wednesday Evening Session and rendering several fine
Selections to the enjoyment of all present."

"To the Boys of St. Matthew's Church Choir for their visit to Grand Lodge on Thursday evening and entertaining those present with four delightful numbers, which were enjoyed by all."

"To our Grand Organist, V.W. J. J. Lyon for his fine service as leader and accompanist."

"To the Management of the Royal Alexandra Hotel for the provisions made for the Grand Lodge Communication and to the Staff for their courtesy and help."

"To all those who assisted in making our Grand Lodge Communication the success it was."

REPORT OF SCRUTINEERS ON ELECTION

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

Your Board of Scrutineers, appointed to conduct the Annual Election of Officers and eight members to the Board of General purposes for a term of two years; also D.D.G.M. for the first, fifth, ninth, tenth and twelfth Districts, make report as follows:
FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND MASTER the name of George R. Calvert was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF DEPUTY GRAND MASTER the name of Stanley H. Fahrni was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF SENIOR GRAND WARDEN the name of Ben C. Parker was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN three names were submitted in nomination, i.e.:

Samuel Burland
Maurice S. Donovan

Maris H. Garton

The number of ballots cast was 536, all of which were valid. The necessary quota to elect was 269 and Bro. Burland received the necessary quota.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND TREASURER the name of Alex. Burgess was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY the name of J. H. G. Russell was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND CHAPLAIN two names were submitted in nomination, i.e.:

Rev. Peter T. Pilkey

Rev. Wm. Reid

The number of ballots cast was 538, three of which were spoiled, making the valid vote 535. The necessary quota to elect was 268 and Brother Pilkey received the required quota.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND HISTORIAN the name of William Douglas was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES the name of Chas. R. Sayer was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND LIBRARIAN the name of Chas. E. Somerset was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES eleven names were submitted in nomination, to serve a two year term, i.e.:

Samuel Burland
James Buchan
J. J. Bannerman
Harry Coddington
Hugh M. Kerr
Wm. McLellan

S. Hart Green
A. H. Steventon
W. J. Wilson
Harvey T. Waters
Walter C. McDonald

The number of ballots cast was 536, of which 22 were spoiled, making a valid vote of 514. The necessary quota to elect was 58. The following brethren received the necessary quota or an equivalent to elect:

1. J. J. Bannerman
2. H. Coddington
3. S. Hart Green
4. H. M. Kerr

5. W. C. McDonald
6. Wm. McLellan
7. A. H. Steventon
8. H. T. Waters

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

Only one name in each of the following Districts was submitted in nomination:

Second District E. A. Newcomb
Third District E. B. Litz
Fourth District W. R. Leslie

Sixth DistrictG. A. McMorran
 Seventh DistrictH. J. Barter
 Eighth DistrictJ. D. Lloyd

In the First Masonic District, three names were submitted in nomination, i.e.:

Arthur V. Pigott	Samuel C. Taylor
Wm. H. McPherson	

The number of ballots cast was 143, all of which were valid. The necessary quota to elect was 73. Bro. Pigott was elected.

In the Fifth Masonic District, two names were submitted in nomination, i.e.: E. E. Grant and G. V. Henderson. The number of ballots cast was 20. Bro. Henderson was elected.

In the Ninth Masonic District, four names were submitted in nomination, i.e.:

W. J. Brown	J. Livesey
J. D. Houston	A. J. Webb

The number of ballots cast was 20. Bro. Brown was elected.

In the Tenth Masonic District, six names were submitted in nomination, i.e.:

T. R. Clayton	E. J. Kahle
R. M. Muckle	A. G. Phillips
H. Sherstone	J. R. Watson

The number of ballots cast was 59. Bro. J. R. Watson was elected.

In the Twelfth Masonic District two names were submitted in nomination: G. E. Miles and N. Rothstein. Ninety-nine votes were cast. Bro. Miles was elected.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

WM. DOUGLAS,
 Chairman.

Moved by M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas (4), seconded by M.W. Bro. Harry Woods (130), the Report of the Scrutineers on Elections was received and adopted.

HYMN—

"O Master, let me walk with Thee."

INSTALLATION CEREMONY

The Most Worshipful Grand Master, J. J. Henderson, called on M.W. Bro. Harry Woods (130), to assume the Gavel and install the Grand Lodge Officers.

M.W. Bro. Harry Woods (130), called on R.W. Bro. Chas. R. Sayer (10) Grand Director of Ceremonies to assist him.

M.W. Bro. James Mackie (4), assisted in the Ceremonies by installing the District Deputy Grand Masters.

The following Grand Lodge Officers, Elected and Appointed were duly installed in Office:

ELECTED

M.W. Bro. Canon George R. Calvert (1), Winnipeg, Grand Master
 R.W. Bro. Stanley H. Fahrni (11), Gladstone, Deputy Grand Master
 R.W. Bro. Ben. C. Parker (4), Winnipeg... Senior Grand Warden
 R.W. Bro. Sam. Burland (12), St. Vital... Junior Grand Warden

The other Grand Lodge Officers were re-elected to Office.

APPOINTED

V.W. Bro. J. E. Harrison (50), Killarney... Senior Grand Deacon
 V.W. Bro. A. B. Fee (150), Cartwright... Junior Grand Deacon
 V.W. Bro. S. W. Robertson (139), Winnipeg, Senior Grand Steward
 V.W. Bro. E. B. Complin (10), Winnipeg, Junior Grand Steward
 V.W. Bro. J. J. Lyon (130), Winnipeg... Grand Organist
 V.W. Bro. J. D. McKinlay (1), Winnipeg... Grand Pursuivant
 V.W. Bro. Wm. Campbell (127), Winnipeg... Grand Tyler

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

1st Masonic District, R.W. Bro. A. V. Pigott (10)... Winnipeg
 2nd Masonic District, R.W. Bro. E. A. Newcomb (108)... Winnipeg
 3rd Masonic District, R.W. Bro. E. B. Litz (87)... Rathwell
 4th Masonic District, R.W. Bro. W. R. Leslie (13)... Morden
 5th Masonic District, R.W. Bro. G. V. Henderson (106), Strathclair
 6th Masonic District, R.W. Bro. G. A. McMorran (27)... Souris
 7th Masonic District, R.W. Bro. H. J. Barter (19)... Brandon
 8th Masonic District, R.W. Bro. J. D. Lloyd (6)... Emerson
 9th Masonic District, R.W. Bro. Wm. J. Brown (147)... Bowsman
 10th Masonic District, R.W. Bro. J. R. Watson (112)... Beausejour
 12th Masonic District, R.W. Bro. G. E. Miles (136)... Winnipeg

Most Worshipful Bro. Canon George R. Calvert, Grand Master Elect, thanked M.W. Bro. Harry Woods and the other Installing Officers for the impressive Installation Ceremony.

PRESENTATION

M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson, retiring Grand Master, in a few complimentary remarks presented M.W. Bro. Canon George R. Calvert, Grand Master Elect, with a Grand Master's Collar and Apron, on behalf of Grand Lodge, to which M.W. Bro. Canon George R. Calvert made a very fitting reply in accepting the presentation.

M.W. Bro. Canon George R. Calvert, presented M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson, the retiring Grand Master with a Past Grand Master's Jewel on behalf of Grand Lodge, to which he made a very happy reply and expressed to M.W. Bro. Canon George R. Calvert the hope that the year lying ahead would be one of happy and harmonious service in the cause of Freemasonry in this Jurisdiction.

The newly installed Grand Master, after expressing his thanks and appreciation to the brethren for the honor conferred on him called on the new Junior Grand Warden, R.W. Bro. Sam. Burland, to say a few words on behalf of the Elected Grand Lodge Officers; R.W. Bro. A. V. Pigott, on behalf of the newly installed District Deputy Grand Masters; and V.W. Bro. S. W. Robertson on behalf of the Appointed Officers.

All three brethren carried out the duties imposed on them by the Grand Master in a very happy manner.

R.W. Bro. Ven. Archdeacon Albert Philip Gower-Rees in a few impressive sentences, extended hearty congratula-

tions to M.W. Bro. Canon George R. Calvert on his Election to the position of Grand Master, and to M.W. Bro. Harry Woods for the beautiful Installation Ceremony.

The brethren sang the closing hymn:
"O God of Bethel, by Whose hand."

CLOSING OF GRAND LODGE

The business of Grand Lodge having been completed, the Sixty-sixth Annual Communication was closed in Ample Form after prayer by R.W. Bro. Rev. P. T. Pilkey, Grand Chaplain, and singing "God Save the King".

J. H. G. Russell

Grand Secretary.



GRAND LODGE OFFICERS ELECTED AND APPOINTED FOR 1941-1942

Grand Master.....M.W. Bro. Canon Geo. R. Calvert (1) Winnipeg
 Deputy Grand Master...R.W. Bro. Stanley H. Fahrni (11)...Gladstone
 Senior Grand Warden...R.W. Bro. Ben. C. Parker (4).....Winnipeg
 Junior Grand Warden...R.W. Bro. Samuel Burland (12).....St. Vital
 Grand TreasurerR.W. Bro. Alex. Burgess (3).....Winnipeg
 Grand Secretary.....R.W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell (114)....Winnipeg
 Grand ChaplainR.W. Bro. Rev. P. T. Pilkey (25)...Winnipeg
 Grand HistorianM.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas (4).....Winnipeg
 G. D. of Ceremonies...R.W. Bro. C. R. Sayer (10).....Winnipeg
 Grand Librarian.....R.W. Bro. Rev. C. E. Somerset (2)....Selkirk

Senior Grand Deacon...V.W. Bro. J. E. Harrison (50).....Killarney
 Junior Grand Deacon...V.W. Bro. A. B. Fee (150).....Cartwright
 Senior Grand Steward...V.W. Bro. S. W. Robertson (139)...Winnipeg
 Junior Grand Steward...V.W. Bro. E. B. Complin (10).....Winnipeg
 Grand Organist.....V.W. Bro. J. J. Lyon (130).....Winnipeg
 Grand Pursuivant.....V.W. Bro. J. D. McKinlay (1).....Winnipeg
 Grand TylerV.W. Bro. Wm. Campbell (127)....Winnipeg

1st Masonic District...R.W. Bro. A. V. Pigott (10).....Winnipeg
 2nd Masonic District...R.W. Bro. E. A. Newcomb (108)....Winnipeg
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 12th Masonic District...R.W. Bro. Geo. E. Miles (136).....Winnipeg

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

PRESIDENT:

R.W. Bro. Stanley H. Fahrni (11), Deputy Grand Master....Gladstone

VICE-PRESIDENT:

R.W. Bro. Ben. C. Parker (4), Senior Grand Warden.....Winnipeg

BY VIRTUE OF OFFICE:

M.W. Bro. Rev. S. P. Matheson (10), Past Grand Master....Winnipeg
 M.W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite (10), Past Grand Master.....Edmonton
 M.W. Bro. James Scroggie (10), Past Grand Master.....Vancouver
 M.W. Bro. H. J. Pugh (113), Past Grand Master.....North Battleford

M.W. Bro. E. M. Walker (10), Past Grand Master.....	Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. Wm. Fenwick (113), Past Grand Master.....	Brandon
M.W. Bro. Henry E. Bletcher (1), Past Grand Master.....	Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. Ed. T. Greenway (71), Past Grand Master.....	Crystal City
M.W. Bro. Albert J. Hatcher (19), Past Grand Master.....	Stonewall
M.W. Bro. Geo. N. Jackson (25), Past Grand Master.....	Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. Justice W. J. Major (25), Past Grand Master.....	Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. Jas. S. MacEwing (51), Past Grand Master.....	Treherne
M.W. Bro. Albert L. Crossin (10), Past Grand Master.....	Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. J. C. Walker Reid (86), Past Grand Master.....	Underhill
M.W. Bro. Jabez Miller (25), Past Grand Master.....	Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. William Douglas (4), Past Grand Master.....	Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. George Hunter (10), Past Grand Master.....	Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. Norman J. Black (3), Past Grand Master.....	Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. David S. Woods, (90), Past Grand Master.....	St. Vital
M.W. Bro. James Mackie (4), Past Grand Master.....	Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. Geo. N. Weir (60 G.R.S.) Hon. P.G.M.....	Victoria
M.W. Bro. Royal Burritt (130), Past Grand Master.....	Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. Harry Woods (130), Past Grand Master.....	Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. John T. Boyd (140), Past Grand Master.....	Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. Robert Hawkins (68), Past Grand Master.....	Dauphin
M.W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence (25, Past Grand Master.....	Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson (102), Past Grand Master.....	Shoal Lake
M.W. Bro. Canon George R. Calvert (1), Grand Master.....	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. Samuel Burland (12), Junior Grand Warden.....	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. Alex. Burgess (3), Grand Treasurer.....	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell (114), Grand Secretary.....	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. Rev. P. T. Pilkey (25), Grand Chaplain.....	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. E. G. Hunt, (3), Hon. Member.....	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. T. A. Argue (55), Hon. Member.....	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. Rev. C. E. Somerset (2), Hon. Member.....	Selkirk
W. Bro. A. E. Boyle (114), Hon. Member.....	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. A. V. Pigott (10), D.D.G.M. 1st Masonic District..	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. E. A. Newcomb (108), D.D.G.M. 2nd Masonic Dist..	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. E. B. Litz (87), D.D.G.M. 3rd Masonic District...	Rathwell
R.W. Bro. W. R. Leslie (13), D.D.G.M. 4th Masonic District...	Morden
R.W. Bro. G. V. Henderson (106), D.D.G.M. 5th Masonic D.,	Strathclair
R.W. Bro. G. A. McMorran (27), D.D.G.M. 6th Masonic District..	Souris
R.W. Bro. H. J. Barter (19), D.D.G.M. 7th Masonic District...	Brandon
R.W. Bro. J. D. Lloyd (6), D.D.G.M. 8th Masonic District...	Emerson
R.W. Bro. Wm. J. Brown (147), D.D.G.M. 9th Masonic Dist..	Bowman
R.W. Bro. J. R. Watson (112), D.D.G.M. 10th Masonic Dist..	Beausejour
R.W. Bro. G. E. Miles (136), D.D.G.M. 12th Masonic District..	Winnipeg

ELECTED BY GRAND LODGE:

R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington (1).....	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. A. H. Steventon (3).....	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. Harvey T. Waters (25).....	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald (70).....	Roland

W. Bro. J. J. Bannerman (93).....	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. Hugh M. Kerr (113).....	Brandon
R.W. Bro. Wm. McLellan (114).....	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. S. Hart Green (143).....	Winnipeg
V.W. Bro. W. C. Birt (4).....	Winnipeg
W. Bro. K. R. Kennedy (4).....	Winnipeg
W. Bro. J. F. Irwin (24).....	Neepawa
R.W. Bro. J. C. Bate (50).....	Killarney
R.W. Bro. Chas. Midwinter (111).....	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan (113).....	Brandon
R.W. Bro. S. A. Wood (144).....	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. Tom. Stockdale (146).....	Winnipeg

STANDING COMMITTEES OF BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

The first name is Chairman of the Committee

JURISPRUDENCE AND APPEALS

R.W. Bro. S. Hart Green	
M.W. Bro. N. J. Black	R.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan
R.W. Bro. Ben. C. Parker	W. Bro. K. R. Kennedy

CONDITION OF FREEMASONRY

R.W. Bro. Ben. C. Parker	
M.W. Bro. Royal Burritt	M.W. Bro. George Hunter
R.W. Bro. C. R. Sayer	R.W. Bro. C. A. Midwinter
R.W. Bro. Sam. Burland	R.W. Bro. Rev. P. T. Pilkey
W. Bro. A. E. Boyle	

CORRESPONDENCE

R.W. Bro. Hugh M. Kerr	
M.W. Bro. George Hunter	M.W. Bro. Jabez Miller
R.W. Bro. H. Coddington	W. Bro. J. F. Irwin

INVESTMENTS

M.W. Bro. Royal Burritt	
M.W. Bro. J. T. Boyd	R.W. Bro. Wm. McLellan
R.W. Bro. Alex. Burgess	R.W. Bro. Harvey T. Waters

FINANCE

R.W. Bro. A. H. Steventon	
M.W. Bro. James Mackie	R.W. Bro. C. A. Midwinter
R.W. Bro. Alex. Burgess	R.W. Bro. S. A. Wood

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M.W. Bro. George Hunter
 M.W. Bro. J. T. Boyd M.W. Bro. W. J. Major
 M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas M.W. Bro. Harry Woods
 R.W. Bro. A. H. Steventon

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 M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas M.W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence
 R.W. Bro. Rev. Somerset R.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald
 R.W. Bro. C. R. Sayer W. Bro. J. F. Irwin
 R.W. Bro. J. C. Bate W. Bro. A. E. Boyle

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M.W. Bro. N. J. Black
 R.W. Bro. Harvey T. Waters R.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald
 R.W. Bro. S. Hart Green R.W. Bro. Wm. McLellan
 R.W. Bro. Tom. Stockdale

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson
 M.W. Bro. H. E. Bletcher M.W. Bro. Wm. Fenwick
 M.W. Bro. A. L. Crossin M.W. Bro. Harry Woods
 M.W. Bro. Jabez Miller

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

R.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan
 M.W. Bro. Jas. Mackie R.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald
 R.W. Bro. J. C. Bate W. Bro. J. J. Bannerman

FRATERNAL DEAD

M.W. Bro. D. S. Woods
 M.W. Bro. H. E. Bletcher R.W. Bro. T. Stockdale
 W. Bro. A. E. Boyle R.W. Bro. S. A. Wood

CREDENTIALS AND ELECTION

V.W. Bro. W. C. Birt
 R.W. Bro. T. A. Argue W. Bro. K. R. Kennedy
 R.W. Bro. Hugh M. Kerr W. Bro. J. J. Bannerman

RECEPTION

M.W. Bro. J. T. Boyd
 M.W. Bro. Harry Woods M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas
 R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington

REPORTS OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT

To the M.W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba,

Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

Most Worshipful Sir:

I have the honor to submit to you, for your approval, my report as your representative in the First Masonic District, for the year 1940-41.

The following District Officers were appointed by me:
Wor. Bro. M. M. McElheran.....Secretary
Right Wor. Rev. T. Neville.....Chaplain
Very Wor. Bro. W. P. White.....Treasurer
Right Wor. Bro. J. C. Grant, Imp. D.D.G.M., was made
a member of the District Executive.

My District Officers met for organization and preparation of programs on August 16th, 1940, when it was decided to meet with the Sitting Masters of the First Masonic District. The meeting of the Sitting Masters and the Officers of the First Masonic District was held in Moore's Restaurant on Friday, September 6th, 1940. Right Wor. Bro. B. C. Parker and Wor. Bro. A. E. Boyle, were among our distinguished guests. R.W. Bro. B. C. Parker addressed the Sitting Masters present on the Grand Lodge program to raise the sum of \$50,000.00 to assist Canada's War Effort and appealed to every Lodge in the District to get behind the project and make it a success. Bro. Parker also reviewed in brief the last communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M. The meeting was then thrown open to discussion when Bros. Boyle, Dougall, Warren, White, Beresford and Neville gave timely counsel and helpful suggestions for the benefit of the Lodges of the District. The presence of the brethren on this occasion and their help is greatly appreciated.

The First Masonic District Meeting was held in the Blue Room of the Masonic Temple on Saturday, October 19th, 1940. The meeting was opened with prayer by Right Wor. Bro. Neville on behalf of the Empire, the King's Forces on land, in air, and on the sea, and for the millions suffering in the lands occupied by the ruthless and cruel invaders. Among the distinguished brethren present were, Right Wor. Bro. F. W. Brownell, D.D.G.M. District No. 10 and Right Wor. Bro. A. Phillips, D.D.G.M., District No. 12. These brethren were received with the Honors of

the Order and welcomed after being introduced by Wor. Bro. Cowan. It was our extreme pleasure having you and other Past Grand Masters and Grand Lodge Officers with us on this occasion. The Brethren present deeply appreciated your most masterly and inspiring address, which will long be remembered for the beautiful thoughts so well expressed. At this meeting, Most Wor. Past Grand Master, W. D. Lawrence, on behalf of the First Masonic District, presented to Right Wor. Bro. J. C. Grant, Immediate Past D.D.G.M., the Collar and Apron of his Office.

Right Wor. Bro. Geo. Calvert, Deputy Grand Master, addressed the Brethren on the forthcoming "Service of Witness" to be held in the Winnipeg Auditorium on Sunday, November 17th, 1940, and appealed to all present to do what they could to make this service a pronounced success.

Most Wor. Bro. Harry Wood gave an enthusiastic address on the Masonic Library and appealed to the brethren to use it, and use him as Librarian, to the fullest extent.

My official visits to the Lodges of the First Masonic District were made on the following dates:

Norwood Lodge No. 119.....	October 10th, 1940
King Edward Lodge No. 93.....	October 16th, 1940
Empire Lodge No. 127.....	October 28th, 1940
St. James Lodge No. 121.....	November 13th, 1940
The Assiniboine Lodge No. 114.....	January 7th, 1941
Acacia Lodge No. 111.....	January 8th, 1941
Northern Light Lodge No. 10.....	January 16th, 1941
Ionic Lodge No. 25.....	February 3rd, 1941
St. John's Lodge No. 4.....	February 5th, 1941
Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3.....	February 17th, 1941
Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1.....	February 18th, 1941

On all my official visits I was accompanied by a large number of Past Masters and Sitting Masters of the First Masonic District Lodges, and on every occasion, was cordially received. The expressions of loyalty from the Brethren of the First Masonic District to yourself, and to the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, were as sincere as they were enthusiastic. The brethren also expressed their unwavering loyalty to His Majesty the King and the British Empire, and their feelings of deep responsibility in the trying times through which the Empire is passing.

On many of my official visits I was privileged to witness degree work in the Lodges, and when there was no degree work during any such visits, I made it an event to visit again when degrees were being conferred. I cannot commend too highly the

Masters, Wardens and other officers taking part, for the able manner in which the degree work was done and the very efficient manner in which the charges and lectures were given. I was much impressed with the assistance given by Past Masters. Great credit must be given to the brethren in charge of preparing candidates for Initiation, as in every case, they gave proof of their proficiency in the preceding degrees. I would be remiss in my duty if I did not call attention, and pay tribute, to the fine type of candidate who is being initiated into our Order.

I beg to call attention to Lodge visitations, which is in a flourishing condition in the First Masonic District, and is of prime importance in creating one of the best influences for inspiring and sustaining enthusiasm among the brethren. Here old friendships are renewed, new friendships made, and weaker Lodges feel the brotherly influence of the stronger Lodges. I earnestly recommend their continuance and fostering.

The need for better attendance at our Lodge meetings was one of the subjects which received special emphasis by your D.D.G.M. and a strong appeal made to all Past Masters and older members of the Craft to rally to the regular meetings of the Lodge, and help to fill the many gaps being made by so many of our younger members joining His Majesty's Forces in defence of the Empire.

"The Service of Witness" held in the Winnipeg Auditorium on November 17th, 1940, when over 3000 of our brethren were gathered together in religious service—presided over by you Most Wor. Sir—was of surpassing importance in the history of Masonry in Manitoba. It was one of the most inspiring meetings ever held in this Jurisdiction under Masonic auspices. Right Wor. Bro. G. Calvert delivered a most eloquent and inspiring address which gave a strong impetus to the endeavor of the Grand Lodge to raise \$50,000.00 towards Canada's War Effort.

The Brethren of the First Masonic District complied with the wishes of the Committee on Masonic War Effort in having a District Church Service held on February 9th, 1941, in St. Matthews Church, Winnipeg. Right Wor. Bro. Calvert conducted the service, assisted by Most Wor. Bro. Harry Woods, Most Wor. Bro. W. Lawrence and your Dist. Dep. Grand Master. Let me again extend to you the thanks of the brethren who attended this service for your impressive and timely message. May I recommend that District Church Services be an annual event throughout the Grand Jurisdiction.

It has been my pleasure to call the attention of the Brethren to the value of the Masonic Library and the opportunities it affords to members of the Craft to study the beginnings and the great objectives of Masonry, to learn the many meanings of our Ritual, the universality of our Craft, and the ready help and guidance of our Librarian, Most Wor. Bro. Harry Woods.

The question of the Masonic Funeral Service, its length in this cold winter climate and the many repetitions and committal following the regular Church burial service, came up for discussion on several occasions. I would strongly recommend that Grand Lodge take some action, appointing a committee to make adjustments and amendments whereby these repetitions may be eliminated and the service made shorter and more helpful to those concerned and taking part, and report to the Grand Lodge for approval or otherwise.

I wish to thank, and pay tribute to, the courtesy, kindness and promptness of our Grand Secretary, J. H. G. Russell, who at all times has been ready and willing to answer all questions, give counsel, and in many other ways render assistance when called upon.

I desire to place on record my hearty thanks to Right Wor. Bro. Parker, Wor. Bro. Boyle, and to the officers of the First Masonic District, the Past Masters, the Sitting Masters, and the many Brethren who have been so faithful, sympathetic and helpful during my term of office as D.D.G.M.

In conclusion, may I express to the Brethren of the First Masonic District, my deepest gratitude for the great honor conferred upon me in electing me their District Deputy Grand Master. It has been a real pleasure to serve them and receive their fullest support and co-operation at all times.

Fraternally submitted,

HARRY CODDINGTON,

District Deputy Grand Master, District No. 1,
Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

May 16th, 1941.

SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT

To the M.W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge
of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:

I beg to submit my report as your District Deputy Grand Master in the Second Masonic District for the year 1940-1941.

The weather conditions being quite unfavorable at times, as the result of which I was unable to visit all the Lodges twice. I did make in all, twenty-one visits throughout the District, and upon all occasions I was accompanied by some of the Brethren, varying in number from four to twenty or more. I was received in all cases as your representative, with the Grand honours and the Brethren going along with me upon each occasion were welcomed and thoroughly enjoyed their visit.

In June, 1940, I visited Gothic Lodge No. 75, with a party of about thirty of the Brethren from Assiniboine Lodge, when they took the Travelling Register to that Lodge. All were very pleased with the trip and were entertained even to the fourth degree.

July 8th, 1940, I made my first official visit to Gladstone Lodge No. 11, two carloads going with me and Rt. Wor. Bro. Cairns being one of the party, gave us a history of that Lodge when it was first instituted. Rt. Wor. Bro. S. H. Fahrni gave us some interesting facts about the Lodge as it is in Gladstone today. I again visited Gladstone Lodge on May 12th, 1941, but upon neither occasion did I see Degree work. This Lodge is progressing quite favorably.

July 11th, 1940, I made my official visit to Union Lodge No. 108 at Brookdale. The Lodge building has been moved and put upon a good foundation. The Lodge was opened and closed in a creditable manner. There was no degree work that night. The S.G.W., Rt. Wor. Bro. Fahrni, gave a short address and also congratulated the members upon their effort in repairing the Lodge building.

August 20th, 1940, I officially visited Temple Lodge No. 49 at MacGregor, Man., several of the Brethren accompanying me. There was a good attendance from the local Lodge and they conferred the M.M. Degree in a very able manner. This Lodge has the Work well in hand and is showing progress. They own their Temple. We were treated to a lunch and all had an enjoyable evening. I later visited this Lodge upon two other occasions.

September 10th, 1940, I officially visited Neepawa Lodge No. 24 and upon this occasion I was accompanied by two carloads of Brethren. We saw them confer the E.A. Degree and all had a profitable and pleasant evening. I again visited this Lodge on May 13th, 1941, when I saw the F.C. Degree conferred in a very efficient manner. This I consider to be the Banner Lodge of the Second Masonic District.

September 11th, 1940, I paid my official visit to Gothic Lodge No. 75 at Austin, four Brethren accompanying me. The work of the Lodge was carried out in a very efficient manner. We partook of a very fine lunch. We all felt deeply their loss just previously of three stalwart members, in the persons of Rt. Wor. Bro. Joe Morris, Wor. Bro. James Hay and Wor. Bro. Harold Thomas. These were members who had served Masonry well for many years and were well known by many throughout the Second Masonic District. Accompanied by Rt. Wor. Bro. Wm. Cairns, I was able to attend the last Masonic Rites for Wor. Bro. Hay.

September 12th, 1940, I officially visited McCreary Lodge No. 133 and although this is a small Lodge it is carrying on satisfactorily and with enthusiasm and harmony. One carload made this journey.

October 4th, 1940, our Second Masonic District Meeting was held in the Masonic Temple at Portage la Prairie, the Officers upon this occasion being:

M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson.....	Grand Master
R.W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell.....	Grand Secretary
R.W. Bro. Wm. Cairns.....	District Chaplain
Bro. C. C. Simpson.....	District Secretary
R.W. Bro. John McKenzie.....	D.D. Grand Master
W. Bro. A. T. Herbert, Neepawa Lodge	
No. 24	S.W.
W. Bro. B. Angus, McCreary Lodge No. 133.....	J.W.
W. Bro. W. J. Wenham, Temple Lodge No. 49.....	S.D.
W. Bro. A. Dewar, Gladstone Lodge No. 11.....	J.D.
W. Bro. A. M. Clark, Neepawa Lodge No. 24.....	S.S.
W. Bro. G. W. Wells, St. Andrews Lodge	
No. 116	J.S.
W. Bro. P. A. Ballantyne, Union Lodge No. 108.....	I.G.
W. Bro. H. S. Atkins, Gothic Lodge No. 75.....	Tyler
W. Bro. G. T. Wright, Assiniboine Lodge No. 7, D. of C.	

The Brethren of this District were especially appreciative of the presence of the Most Worshipful The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson and of six other elected Grand Lodge Officers. It is to be noted that there were eighteen Past D.D.G.M.'s present and the D.D.G.M. from the Third Masonic District. There were many Brethren also attended from other Districts. Such attendance is greatly appreciated.

A spirited and constructive business session was held in the afternoon, following which we were given an exemplification of the F. C. Degree by Neepawa Lodge No. 24, the work of P.D.D.G.M., Rt. Wor. Bro. W. G. Pollock being especially commendable. Bro.

Geo. A. Dickson, as after-dinner speaker, delighted his audience with his address entitled "The World Through Rose Colored Glasses." Resuming labor in the Temple at 9.05 p.m., the highlight of the District Meeting was the Address of The M.W. The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson—a talk covering many phases of Masonry, and referred to his asking the Masonic Brethren to raise the sum of \$50,000.00 in the near future, which amount was to be handed to the Dominion Government for war purposes to be used as they deemed fit. The presentation of the P.D.D.G.M. apron to Rt. Wor. Bro. W. M. Jackson by M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson was very pleasantly performed. All Grand Lodge Officers present gave short addresses. The S.G.W., Rt. Wor. Bro. S. H. Fahrni outlined the preparation under way for a Masonic service, "A Service of Witness and Rededication to God." to be held in the Civic Auditorium in Winnipeg, Sunday, November 17th, as the beginning of the drive to raise the sum the M.W. The Grand Master had asked. W. Bro. E. A. Newcomb of Union Lodge No. 108 was nominated for D.D.G.M. for the Second Masonic District for 1941-1942.

On October 21st, 1940, I visited St. Andrews Lodge No. 116 at Wellwood and found the Work quite satisfactory. Rt. Wor. Bro. J. P. Lawrie gave a very instructive address.

November 17th, 1940, I attended the Masonic Service of Witness and Rededication in Winnipeg and was much impressed and inspired, as I am sure were all of those who were able to be present or heard this Service over the radio. We received a message long to be remembered.

April 8th, 1941, I officially visited Carberry Lodge No. 29. Owing to the roads being in a very bad condition there was not a large attendance. This appears to be a very friendly Lodge with a comfortable Lodge Room, artistically decorated. The younger members appear to be taking a real interest in their Lodge and its welfare. Two carloads accompanied me.

March 17th, 1941, I officially visited Assiniboine Lodge No. 7 and upon this particular night there were few Brethren in attendance. There was no Degree work, but I know that they can confer Degrees in a very efficient manner. They have a fine Temple, but it appears that, considering the large membership, the average attendance at Lodge is not as large as one would expect. There was an active Study Club which, during the past two years has apparently been losing ground.

On December 27th, 1940, I also visited Assiniboine Lodge No. 7, upon which occasion the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, J. J. Henderson, was present, coming from Shoal Lake for the

purpose of presenting a Fifty-Year Jewel to Wor. Bro. Joe Hyde. In carrying out this ceremony Most Wor. Bro. Henderson stated that in his opinion it was the duty and privilege of the Grand Master to present such well earned distinguishing tokens of faithful and valued service.

During my term of office I have tried to serve you, Most Worshipful Sir, to the best of my capabilities and in so doing it has given me much pleasure and I feel that I can report that Freemasonry in this District is not faltering. Also in making these visitations I have thoroughly enjoyed associating myself with a great many old friends and I have found that all of the Brethren were most anxious to co-operate with me, which has made this year a happy one. I have also found that there is a very good feeling between the different Lodges of the District and a willingness to work together for good.

All of which is sincerely and fraternally submitted.

JOHN McKENZIE,
D.D.G.M. Second Masonic District.

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT

To the M.W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge

of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.
Most Worshipful Sir:

I have the honor of submitting to you my report as your District Deputy Grand Master for the year 1940-1941 in the Third Masonic District.

In spite of weather conditions, which at times were quite unfavorable, I was able to visit all Lodges in the District Officially. I had the pleasure of attending two District meetings apart from my own, at the invitation of the Grand Master, as well as two Divine Services of Masonic character; one of these at the Winnipeg Auditorium on November 17th, 1940, and the other one at Holland on October 24th, 1940. Lastly, I had the pleasure of accompanying the Most Worshipful the Grand Master on his visit to Brandon Lodge, No. 19 on the evening of May 13th last.

The first District Meeting I had the pleasure of attending was the Meeting of the Fifth Masonic District, held at Shoal Lake on Sept. 3rd, 1940, the other was the Meeting of the Second Masonic District, held at Portage la Prairie on October 4th, 1940.

On all of those occasions I was much impressed by the hearty manner in which the Grand Master was received by the Brethren.

My Official visits to the several Lodges of the District were as follows:

Holland No. 63,.....	September 11th, 1940
Swan Lake No. 163,.....	October 16th, 1940
Wawanesa No. 67,.....	October 21st, 1940
Cypress No. 82,.....	November 7th, 1940
Treherne No. 51,.....	November 8th, 1940
Crescent No. 103.....	November 13th, 1940
Glenboro No. 48,.....	January 13th, 1941
Strathcona No. 117,.....	April 8th, 1941
Rathwell No. 87,.....	May 6th, 1941

On each of these visits I addressed the Brethren and was loyally received as your Representatives.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting was held at Belmont on Thursday, September 26th, 1940. We were honored by the presence of the following Grand Lodge Officers:

M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson.....	Grand Master
R.W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell.....	Grand Secretary
R.W. Bro. S. H. Fahrni.....	Senior Grand Warden
M.W. Bro. Harry Woods.....	Past Grand Master
V.W. Bro. G. V. Henderson.....	Junior Grand Deacon
V.W. Bro. J. D. Harrower.....	Senior Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. H. G. Kilpatrick.....	Junior Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. John Storman, Senior Grand Steward, Grand Lodge of N. D.	

At the afternoon session an interesting paper, as a basis for discussion, was delivered by Wor. Bro. E. A. Syms, many of the Brethren joining in the discussion which followed. Several pointed questions were directed at the Grand Secretary during this session, and he responded as usual, giving the brethren the benefit of his wise counsel.

Following the afternoon session a banquet was served, at which the usual toasts were proposed and responded to. Wor. Bro. Syms acted as Toastmaster on this occasion.

The highlights of the evening session were: the reception of the Grand Master and Grand Lodge Officers and the inspiring and

searching address which the Grand Master delivered, which will long be remembered by the brethren present. Other Grand Lodge Officers gave brief addresses.

A pleasant interlude in the evening session was the presentation of a Past Dist. Deputy Grand Master's Regalia to R.W. Bro. G. O. Couch for his past services. M.W. Bro. Harry Woods made the presentation in his usual pleasing manner. The utmost harmony prevailed during all sessions of the District Meeting; the Grand Master took particular notice of this fact and commented on it later. The total attendance at the meeting was ninety-six.

As to the condition of Masonry in the Third Masonic District, I would consider it to be healthy, although like most Districts not all that could be desired. Attendance, I am sure, could be improved as it applies to Regular Meetings, and Junior Officers could take their duties much more seriously by their regular attendance at meetings. Visiting between sister Lodges should be extended, and the medium of the Travelling Square should be a great incentive to such visiting in the Third Masonic District.

With reference to our War effort and the Service of Witness already commented on, which was an outstanding success, I would like to add that in response to suggestions of the Committee of Grand Lodge on that matter, to hold as many Divine Services as possible throughout the Grand Jurisdiction. Holland Lodge No. 63 took the initiative in arranging for a Service at Holland. The Lodge, with the sanction and support of the D.D.G.M., circularized all Lodges in the District in an endeavor to make this a Dist. Divine Service, with the result that six out of nine Lodges were represented at this Service. The D.D.G.M., at the suggestion of the Holland Brethren and the officiating Minister, took part in the Service by reading the lesson. The approximate number present was forty.

Most Worshipful Sir, in closing my report I wish to thank you for your kindness and your consideration for me at all times during my term of office. I also would now thank our Grand Secretary for valuable advice and assistance given so cheerfully at all times. Further, I want to take this opportunity to thank our own District Officers for their help so loyally given; Wor. Bro. Crawford, District Secretary, Wor. Bro. Syms, District Chaplain, and all the Brethren who so kindly accompanied me on my several visits throughout the District, as well as my predecessors in this Office, whose counsel I often received and appreciated.

Finally, I wish to thank the Brethren of the Third Masonic District, generally, for the confidence placed in me by choosing me for this Office which I have at all times endeavored to fill to the best of my ability.

Fraternally submitted,

D. MACDONALD,
D.D.G.M., Third Masonic District.

FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the M.W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge
of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:

I have the honor, as your representative, during the past year in the office of District Deputy Grand Master to submit for your consideration my report on the Condition of Freemasonry in the Fourth Masonic District.

First, I wish to express my sincere gratification for the great honor you so graciously conferred on me by confirming my appointment and to the Brethren who so kindly nominated me to this office, my deepest appreciation. I only hope that I have to some extent merited the confidence placed in me.

Immediately following my election, I appointed a District Secretary and Chaplain. For those respective offices I selected R.W. Bro. Arthur Marsh and Bro. J. W. Cruikshank.

The District meeting was held in Manitou on September 23rd, 1940, with a registered attendance of 88. Every Lodge in the District was represented. All were honored by the presence of the following Grand Lodge Officers:

M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson	Grand Master
R.W. Bro. Geo Calvert	Deputy Grand Master
R.W. Bro. Ben Parker	Junior Grand Warden
R.W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell	Grand Secretary
M.W. Bro. Harry Woods	Grand Librarian
M.W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence	Past Grand Master
V.W. Bro. G. V. Henderson	Junior Grand Deacon
V.W. Bro. J. D. Harrower	Senior Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. H. G. Kilpatrick	Junior Grand Steward

The afternoon session of the meeting was taken up by district business, reports on conditions in their respective Lodges were given by all secretaries present. Some very good discussions followed. R.W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell, Grand Secretary, gave a very helpful talk on what he considered would be a means of encouraging attendance at Lodge meetings.

The remarks by Bro. Solomon Frank of Mount Sinai Lodge at the refreshment hour were most inspiring and could not help but make a lasting impression on all those in attendance.

The evening session was called to order at 8.15 p.m. The Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, and his suite were introduced by Bro. Robert Cringan.

Presentation of the P.D.D.G.M's apron was made to R.W. Bro. Edward Dow by M.W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence with very fitting remarks. This was followed by an eloquent and forceful address by the M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson, Grand Master, on character. This splendid address has been very helpful in maintaining the true spirit of Freemasonry throughout the District during the year, and has been a real inspiration to me.

R.W. Bro. Ben Parker followed with an address on the work being done by the Grand Lodge War Assistance Committee, stating that \$50,000 was to be raised from Masons in the Grand Jurisdiction to help the Empire's War Effort.

R.W. Bro. Calvert spoke on the same topic with great force, emphasizing the urgency of this appeal. These addresses made a very favorable impression on the Brethren.

M.W. Bro. Harry Woods, Grand Librarian addressed the Brethren urging them to take advantage of the wealth of knowledge contained in the Library and stressed the fact that the Library is open to all Master Masons in good standing in the Grand Jurisdiction, also urged the formation of study clubs in every Lodge as a means of stimulating interest at the regular meetings.

I officially visited and addressed the various Lodges of the District as follows:

Cartwright No. 150	October 10th, 1940
Crystal No. 71	October 15th, 1940
Doric No. 36	October 22nd, 1940
Manitou No. 30	November 5th, 1940
Mound No. 118	November 14th, 1940
Killarney No. 50	November 18th, 1940
Belmont No. 13	November 21st, 1940

On all occasions I was received with the respect and courtesy due to the office I held as your representative. I also had the privilege of making some unofficial visits during the year, and at all times a most cordial welcome and sympathetic attentive hearing was accorded me.

I find a truly Masonic spirit exists in the District. The majority of the officers are a credit to their Lodges and to the Craft. I saw several Degrees exemplified, and the work was well done.

A number of the Lodges find the going rather difficult due to the stressful times through which we are passing; few, if any, initiations in several Lodges, and their membership is small.

In all of the Lodges, the officers are ably assisted by the Past Masters.

I have emphasized the necessity of inter-visitation in order to strengthen our District, and arouse the feeling of good fellowship, and this is now possible as no two Lodges meet on the same night.

I have, at all times, stressed the great need of the faithful support by the Brethren of the Grand Lodge War Fund.

To the Brethren who received me on my visitation and the Brethren who accompanied me, I owe a debt of gratitude, particularly I wish to thank my good friend, R.W. Bro. Arthur Marsh for his guidance and advice.

In closing, let me again express my sincere thanks for the great honor you have conferred on me. I have enjoyed my association with Grand Lodge and the Craft as your representative,

Fraternally submitted,

W. A. POMMER,

District Deputy Grand Master.

FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the M.W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge
of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report as D.D.G.M., Fifth Masonic District, for the year 1940-41.

Although I entered upon my duties with a certain amount of apprehension, based upon a sense of responsibility to you, and a knowledge of my limitations, friendly encouragement greeted me everywhere and made the work pleasant for me, and I hope in some measure of value to the District.

I am indeed pleased to state that in all Lodges in this District, harmony prevails and a wholesome and progressive spirit is manifest throughout the District, and that loyalty to you, Most Worshipful Sir, and to the Grand Lodge, has been most evident.

On September 3rd, 1940, the District Meeting was held at Shoal Lake, under the auspices of Shoal Lake Lodge No. 92. There was a registered attendance of 108 Masons, all the thirteen Lodges in the Fifth Masonic District being represented.

At the afternoon session a free discussion of District business was indulged in, and R.W. Bro. G. A. Eakins, Prince of Wales Lodge No. 14, gave an address on "What Freemasonry Stands For," and Wor. Bro. G. A. Lauman, Birtle Lodge No. 39, gave a talk on "Landmarks." Both these addresses were interesting and instructive and held the interest of all present. I am indebted to Bro. Eakins and Bro. Lauman for their valuable contributions.

At 6 p.m. the Brethren attended a complimentary banquet at the Parish Hall, prepared by the Ladies of Royal York Chapter No. 30, O.E.S. This social hour was made most enjoyable by the presence of V. Wor. Bro. J. Lyon, grand Organist, who lead the short musical programme.

The evening session opened at 8.20, at which time we were honored with the presence of the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson, in his Official capacity, together with M.W. Bro. Harry Woods, R.W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell and other Grand Lodge Officers.

The Grand Master favored the brethren with an inspiring and instructive address, his subject being "The Winding Stairs," which was timely and well received.

M.W. Bro. Harry Woods made a few well received remarks on the Masonic Library, and most generously offered to open the Library after the usual closing hours to accommodate Brethren living in rural districts. It is hoped that the Brethren will avail themselves of this generous offer, and make themselves more acquainted with the Library, thus realizing its value from a standpoint of Masonic education and enlightenment.

On Sunday, June 16th, 1940, a District Church service was held at Shoal Lake, attended by the M.W. The Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Calvert, D.G.M., and other Grand Lodge Officers. Sixty-five Masons attended this service from the various Lodges in this Fifth Masonic District. The Service was in St. Paul's Anglican Church, conducted by R.W. Bro. Calvert, assisted by M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson, Grand Master, and R. W. Coddington, D.D.G.M., First Masonic District.

During the year several of the Lodges held their own Church Services.

I officially visited all the Lodges in the District as follows:

Hamiota No. 84	.....September 24th, 1940
Miniota No. 102	.....September 26th, 1940
Rivers No. 115	.....September 30th, 1940
Corinthian No. 15	.....October 1st, 1940
Foxwarren No. 152	.....October 2nd, 1940
Shellmouth No. 129	.....October 3rd, 1940
Russell No. 62	.....October 8th, 1940
Prince of Wales No. 14	.....October 10th, 1940
Binscarth No. 101	.....October 15th, 1940
Harmony No. 142	.....October 17th, 1940
Strathclair No. 106	.....November 11th, 1940
Birtle No. 39	.....December 10th, 1940
Shoal Lake No. 92	.....Januauary 8th, 1941

On each of these visits I was formally and courteously received with honors due the representative of Grand Lodge.

Considering the unprecedented conditions which we, at the present time, are experiencing, I stressed in my addresses the serious responsibility which devolves upon us as Masons and citizens. That on the issue of the supreme test of Right against Wrong, hangs the welfare of the World and all peoples. That indifference and procrastination have no place in present day Masonic thought, and that the time has come for firm, consistent action. That each must do his share so that Democracy may be saved, and the fair name of Freemasonry remain unsullied.

I also stressed the need for strong leadership in our Lodges. That the utmost care should be exercised in the selection of Lodge Officers. Under the present system where Lodges follow the "Line of preferment," the brother starting at the bottom of the Lodge line will, ultimately, be the Master of that Lodge. Therefore, leadership of the highest order cannot be maintained unless, in the selection and appointment of a Junior Officer, his fitness to fill the Master's chair is kept in mind.

On all my Official visits I asked that I be permitted to witness an exemplification of one of the Degrees, the work to be put on entirely by the sitting Officers. In most cases my request was granted. I can report that in every case the work was performed impressively and with dignity and precision.

I had the privilege of visiting four of the Lodges a second time, unofficially. These visits were a source of pleasure to me, and I am indeed sorry that circumstances beyond my control made it impossible for me to visit all the Lodges a second time.

My duties throughout the year, without exception, have been exceedingly pleasant. I am profoundly appreciative of the honor that has come to me through my election to this high office. I would like to record my appreciation to the Brethren of the Fifth Masonic District for electing me to the Office of D.D.G.M. and to you, M.W. Sir, for confirming that election.

I very heartily thank Bro. George Turner of Shoal Lake, who ably discharged the duties of District Secretary, and Bro. A. E. Smith, Rapid City, District Chaplain.

I cannot conclude without expressing my heartfelt appreciation to all the Brethren of my own Lodge, Shoal Lake No. 92, for their zeal and untiring efforts on my behalf and the good of our Order. Particularly would I thank Wor. Bro. Loney, Wor. Bro. D. J. Lawson, Bro. C. W. McLean and Bro. N. Kaufman, who placed their cars at my disposal. Their loyalty to me in the performance of my duty has been a source of inspiration and strength. Space will not permit me to mention the names of all who accompanied me on my visits. I extend to them my sincere thanks.

Yours fraternally,

C. H. BAYFIELD,
D.D.G.M., Fifth Masonic District.

SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the M.W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge
of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:

I have the honor to submit my report as D.D.G.M. for the Sixth Masonic District, for the year 1940-41.

The Annual District Meeting of the Sixth Masonic District was held at Elgin on September 25th, 1940. In spite of the fact that wet weather had delayed harvesting operations, especially in the South-West part of the District, a commendable attendance of 109 is to be recorded, every Lodge in the District being well represented.

The afternoon meeting was given over to Lodge discussions, including a change in some of the Lodge meeting nights, as a number of our meetings took place in the early part of the month, and in some cases four meetings in the same week. This discussion was most successful, as some of the meeting nights have been changed, which is very beneficial to visiting. At this meeting also W. Bro. McMorran of Glenwood Lodge said that he would print a Lodge Directory of the Lodges in the District, with the names of the W.M. and the Secretary of each Lodge and the dates of their meetings for the year, which offer was gratefully received. W. Bro. McMorran is to be highly commended for this valuable contribution as every one in the District now has a copy of this Directory. At this meeting, excellent reports were given by the Secretaries of the different Lodges which showed that Masonry in this District is in a very healthy condition. After an instructive talk by the Grand Master, and questions answered by the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Harry Woods gave a short talk on the Grand Library.

The meeting was then called from labor to refreshment to attend a banquet in St. John's Anglican Church basement at 6.30, which was followed by the usual toast list.

At the evening Session, the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Henderson, was received with Grand Honors and welcomed. He was accompanied by M.W. Bro. J. C. Walker Reid, M.W. Bro. Harry Woods, R.W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell, Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. Oscar Ross, of District No. 7, V.W. Bro. Smith, S.G.D., V.W. Bro. Henderson, J.G.D., V.W. Bro. Harrower, S.G.S., V.W. Bro. Kilpatrick, J.G.S., and V.W. Bro. Taylor of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario.

R.W. Bro. Falconer of Deloraine Lodge, on behalf of the Brethren of the Sixth Masonic District then presented a P.D.D.G.M. apron to R.W. Bro. Cobb of Melita Lodge. R.W. Bro. Cobb thanked the Brethren for the honor conferred on him.

The Grand Master then delivered one of the most stirring and impressive addresses ever heard in a district meeting of the Sixth Masonic District.

R.W. Bro. Ross of the Seventh Masonic District brought greetings from that District. V.W. Bro. Taylor brought greetings from the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario, and other Grand Lodge Officers gave short talks.

The District meeting was then closed in due form.

I am pleased to report, Most Worshipful Sir, that I have had the privilege of visiting each Lodge in the District at least once. On each occasion I was most cordially received as your representative, and beg leave to submit that Brotherly Love and Harmony prevail throughout the District. The list of my official visits is as follows: Glenwood No. 27, November 8th, 1940; Deloraine No. 40, November 6th, 1940; Hartney No. 52, November 5th, 1940; Oriental No. 54, October 4th, 1940; Napinka No. 77, October 3rd., 1940; Elgin No. 86, February 11th, 1941; Reston No. 104, September 12th, 1940; Kilwinning No. 110, April 14th, 1941.

As your representative I have attempted to pass along to the Brethren of the constituent Lodges, the suggestions outlined to us by your instructors, M.W. Bro. Harry Woods and M.W. Bro. Royal Burritt at the school of instruction at Winnipeg, which has resulted in greater uniformity in the District. In the latter part of my address I attempted to outline my interpretation of the degrees.

I wish to acknowledge the many kind invitations extended to myself to attend other District Meetings. It was my pleasure to attend the banquet and evening session of District No. 7, held at Virden under the guidance of R.W. Bro. Ross, and to convey to the Brethren of that District the fraternal greetings from District No. 6. I also had the pleasure to accompany R.W. Bro. Ross on his official visit to Brandon Lodge No. 19.

I attended the Service of Witness in Winnipeg on Nov. 17th and outlined to some of the Lodges a report of that meeting. We, in this District, also held a District Church Service of Witness on November 3rd. The speaker on that occasion was our D.G.M., R. W. Bro. Geo. Calvert, who gave a most inspiring address. He was accompanied by M.W. Bro. Harry Woods and R.W. Bro. Coddington, D.D.G.M., of District No. 1. We had about 150 members in attendance and I feel that this is something that will be continued in the future.

I would indeed be remiss in my report, if I did not make special mention of the capable services of our District Secretary, Bro. James McDole. Bro. McDole accompanied me on each of my official visits and supported me most generously and loyally at all times.

In conclusion, I should like to thank my Brethren of the District for the honor which they conferred on myself in selecting me to act as your representative, Most Worshipful Sir, and furthermore to convey my thanks to you, Sir, for concurring in that selection. The general spirit of good-fellowship prevailing throughout the District has been such that it has made my responsibility a real pleasure.

Fraternally submitted,

A. E. DRAPER,
D.D.G.M., Sixth Masonic District.

SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the M.W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge
of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.
Most Worshipful Sir:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration and approval my report of the Seventh Masonic District, as D.D.G.M. for the year 1940-41.

In a manner fitting this important office and as the representative of you, our most worthy Grand Master, I have endeavored to carry out the duties of this high office to the best of my ability.

The loyalty, enthusiasm and warm welcome I have been accorded everywhere I have gone, has not only been an inspiration to me, but a real token of the devotion of the members of this District to the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

During my term of office, I have made the following visits:

July 21st, 1940.—Attended the funeral of the late Wor. Bro. N. Cryderman, Elkhorn, Manitoba.

August 23rd.—Officiated at the funeral of the late Peter Scott, who died at Portage la Prairie, Man., and buried in Virden cemetery.

September 3rd.—Attended Fifth Masonic District meeting at Shoal Lake, Man.

September 12th.—Accompanied Rt. Wor. Bro. A. E. Draper of the Sixth Masonic District on his official visit to Reston Lodge.

September 24th.—Attended Official visit of Rt. Wor. Bro. C. H. Bayfield to the Hamiota Lodge.

September 17th.—Unofficially visited Tweed Lodge No. 113 and witnessed the Third Degree.

September 25th.—Attended the Sixth Masonic District Meeting at Elgin, Man.

September 27th.—Officiated on the occasion of the Seventh Masonic District Meeting at Virden, Man.

October 1st.—Assisted Lebanon Lodge No. 43 to confer the Third Degree at Mayfield, Sask.

October 8th.—Officially visited Brandon Lodge No. 19.

October 10th.—Officially visited Oak Lake Lodge No. 44.

October 15th.—Officially visited Lebanon Lodge No. 43.

October 16th.—Officially visited Lansdowne Lodge No. 107.

October 28th.—Assisted Lebanon Lodge confer 3rd Degree at Elgin, Man.

November 10th.—Attended Seventh Masonic District Church service of dedication, St. Matthews Church, Brandon, Man.

November 11th.—Officially visited Elkhorn Lodge No. 74.

November 14th.—Officially visited Composite Lodge No. 64.

November 17th.—Attended Service of Witness, Civic Auditorium, Winnipeg, Man.

December 10th.—Attended joint Installation ceremony at Brandon and Installed Officers of Brandon Lodge No. 19, and Tweed Lodge No. 113.

December 27th.—Installed Officers of Lebanon Lodge No. 43.

January 20th, 1941.—Attended special meeting called by the Grand Master in Brandon, Man., re-organization of Campaign to raise \$50,000.00 for the War Effort.

February 10th.—Unofficial visit to Elkhorn Lodge No. 74.

March 11th.—Unofficial visit to Lebanon Lodge No. 43 and assisted confer the 3rd Degree.

April 7th.—Unofficial visit to Elkhorn Lodge No. 74. Special re mortgage.

April 8th.—Unofficial visit to Lebanon Lodge No. 43.

April 9th.—Unofficial visit to Lansdowne Lodge No. 107, postponed until May 7th, account road conditions.

April 10th.—Unofficial visit to Oak Lake Lodge No. 44, called off on account of Lodge meeting cancelled, road conditions.

May 8th.—Unofficial visit to Composite Lodge No. 64.

May 13th.—Unofficial visit to Brandon Lodge No. 19.

Throughout the Seventh Masonic and Lodges outside that I had the pleasure of visiting I was most warmly received. I found the Lodges in my District in a healthy and vigorous condition. The officers are filling their offices in a most satisfactory manner. Although some Lodges have not been blessed with much degree work, the Officers and members are keeping a real interest in their lodge and lodge work. Special features of my Official visits, was the enthusiasm displayed at each meeting and also outstanding were visitations, both inter-lodge and from lodges outside the District.

I have enjoyed inter-visiting with the Fifth and Sixth Masonic Districts. These visits have proved especially interesting and profitable. On several occasions visits have been carried out with both these Districts.

SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT MEETING

The annual District Meeting was held in Virden, Manitoba, on September 27th, 1940.

This meeting proved to be an unqualified success, from a standpoint of attendance, enthusiasm and a wealth of material.

We were particularly pleased to have in attendance the following Grand Lodge Officers:

Most Worshipful, The Grand Master, Bro. J. J. Henderson
Most Worshipful Bro. Harry Woods
Most Worshipful Bro. Wm. Fenwick
Rt. Wor., The Grand Secretary, Bro. J. H. G. Russell
Rt. Wor., The Grand Chaplain Bro. P. T. Pilkey
Rt. Wor., Junior Grand Deacon.. Bro. G. V. Henderson
Rt. Wor., Junior Grand Steward.. Bro. H. G. Kilpatrick
Rt. Wor. Bro. Earl Draper, of the Sixth Masonic District

The afternoon session was taken up with general business of the District.

The visitors were welcomed by Wor. Bro. A. E. Higginbotham. Rt. Wor. Bro. J. R. Evans gave a very inspiring address on "Distinctions in Masonry."

The selection of a candidate for Nomination for D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year was then made.

The meeting then retired to the basement of St. Paul's United Church, where the ladies of Circle No. 3 served a very fine banquet. The room and the tables being very tastily decorated in Masonic Emblem and Colors.

A short programme of Toasts and Songs followed.

The evening session opened with the reception of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and other Grand Lodge Officers.

Rt. Wor. Bro. Cooper, P.D.D.G.M., was presented with P.D.D.G.M. Apron and Jewel. The presentation was made by M.W. Bro. Wm. Fenwick.

In his characteristic, sincere and impressive manner the Most Worshipful the Grand Master addressed the Brethren on the subject "Character." This address left the Brethren fairly spell-bound and was enjoyed by all who were privileged to be present.

I wish to thank the Grand Master and all who contributed to making this meeting a most outstanding success.

We were also pleased to have our Grand Chaplain, Rt. Wor. Bro. Rev. P. T. Pilkey with us and I also wish to thank him for his splendid address. It was indeed a very fine contribution.

Rt. Wor. Bro. J. H. G. Russell also spoke and as stated, his remarks were addressed more to the Secretaries of the Lodges. We wish to thank you, Bro. Russell, for your presence and remarks.

M.W. Bro. Harry Woods spoke on the Grand Lodge War Effort and also gave us a very enlightening address on the Grand Lodge Library. We thank you, Bro. Woods.

We were very pleased to have M.W. Bro. Fenwick, V.W. Bro. G. V. Henderson, V.W. Bro. H. G. Kilpatrick, R.W. Bro. Earl Draper, D.D.G.M., Sixth Masonic District, and R.W. Bro. Evans with us. I wish to take this opportunity of thanking R.W. Bro. Evans for his very fine address.

I want to especially mention the two Church Services we had during the year: November 10th, 1940, Seventh Masonic District Church service, which was held in St. Matthews Church, Brandon. The M.W. the Grand Master gave us a very fine and inspiring address.

November 17th, 1940: Service held in the Civic Auditorium, Winnipeg. This service of re-dedication for all Masons of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba was certainly a most successful gathering. The Auditorium was crowded with Masons and the galleries filled with Masons' relatives. Rt. Wor. Bro. Rev. Calvert gave us a wonderful address. This service reminds me that during that week, you, Most Worshipful Sir, sustained the loss by death of your mother. The seventh Masonic District takes this opportunity once more of expressing to you our sincere sympathy.

The following appointments were made by me:

Chaplain .. Wor. Bro. L. J. Adams, Oak Lake Lodge.

District Secretary .. Bro. H. H. Allen, Lebanon Lodge.

The Fifty Thousand Dollar fund has been one of the outstanding aims of our District and Grand Lodge during the year. A very interesting meeting of the Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Masonic Districts was held in the Temple at Brandon on January 20th, 1941. May our Masonic effort be a real part in restoring peace in the world, and the firm establishing of democracy.

I feel that I have had a very full and successful year as D.D.G.M., and I want to say that I have enjoyed it to the fullest degree and profited personally by my many Official duties and visits. My one hope is, that I may have in some small degree given you, my Brethren, at least a part of the profit and pleasure that I have derived. May our Masonic friendships which I have tried to eulogize for you in my addresses, be enhanced.

In conclusion, I wish to express my thanks to the Brethren, of the Seventh Masonic District, for conferring upon me the high honor and distinction of the Office of D.D.G.M., and to you, Most Worshipful Master, in confirming my appointment, and further, Most Worshipful Sir, let me take this opportunity, of expressing to you, my grateful appreciation of the honor you have done me, in appointing me as Grand Lodge representative for the Grand Lodge of Michigan. I consider it a most distinguished honor to hold this office, vacated by our Beloved, the Late M.W. Bro. A. B. Baird.

I feel that the honor conferred on me by you, my Brethren of the Seventh Masonic District, has brought with it a wealth of Masonic experience. I am proud of the Seventh Masonic District and feel most grateful for the many kindnesses, co-operation and real Masonic fraternity that have been shown me in my Official capacity.

The experience of being your D.D.G.M. has brought to me many very pleasant memories and given me a large circle of new friends and enriched the circle of my many good friends in this District.

I especially want to mention Very Wor. Bro. Homuth, Wor. Bro. Timms and Bro. Allen, for the real fine way in which they have at all times helped and supported me and accompanied me during my many visitations. These Brethren have given me whole-hearted and unstinted support at all times on each of my visits.

To Bro. H. J. Allen, I owe a real debt of gratitude for the most efficient way he has performed his duties as District Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

O. S. ROSS, M.D.,
District Deputy Grand Master.

EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the M.W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge
of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:

I have the honor to submit the report of my stewardship as your representative in the Eighth Masonic District for the year that has just closed.

During the term an Official visit was made to each of the constituent Lodges in the District. Official visits were made to the Lodges in the District as follows:

King Solomon Lodge No. 8.....	December 10th, 1940
Midlothian Lodge No. 90.....	December 16th, 1940
Emerson Lodge No. 6.....	December 19th, 1940
Carman Lodge No. 155.....	February 18th, 1941

Shiloh Lodge No. 70.....March 13th, 1941
East Star Lodge No. 55.....May 1st, 1941
Penza Lodge No. 120.....May 6th, 1941
Patricia Lodge No. 125.....May 7th, 1941

Preceding each official visit I made a visit which was designed to meet the Brethren and make acquaintances. Other unofficial visits were made whenever possible. On each of these visits I was received with the respect and dignity due the office as your representative, and I can vouch from personal experience for the loyalty and devotion to you, Most Worshipful Sir, and the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

The District Meeting was held in Roland on Tuesday, Sept. 13th, 1940. I wish to thank the Brethren for their attendance on that occasion. An interesting feature of the afternoon session was a report given by the Masters of the various constituent Lodges on the condition of the Lodge. These reports brought out many interesting facts and I am sure will prove helpful in solving many difficulties. The usual banquet followed the afternoon session at which toasts were given and responded to in a most capable manner. The evening session was duly opened and the Grand Master and his suite were introduced to the meeting by R.W. Bro. Arthur Cameron, Shiloh Lodge No. 70, after which they were accorded the Grand Honors. The Grand Master gave a very inspiring address on "Character." Those who listened to that address were moved by the sincerity of our Grand Master and the very masterly, logical and convincing manner in which it was delivered. Short addresses were given by those accompanying Grand Lodge Officers.

I wish to regretfully announce the death of Bro. George Skinner, Shiloh Lodge, on Nov. 1st, 1940; Bro. McDonald, King Solomon Lodge, on Dec. 16th, 1940, and R.W. Bro. John Arthur Martin, Patricia Lodge, Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Eighth Masonic District, on March 12th, 1941. These deceased Brethren were each accorded the beautiful Masonic graveside ceremony at their burial. In particular, I wish to mention the deep loss to the District of R.W. Bro. J. A. Martin. R.W. Bro. Martin was a man of high calibre and served well with a high and noble purpose the cause of Freemasonry.

The Service of Witness to which all members of the Masonic Fraternity were invited, was held in the Civic Auditorium at Winnipeg, on Sunday, November 17th, 1940. At this impressive service more than five thousand members of the fraternity attended and pledged themselves to the raising of \$50,000.00 for

the Empire's War Effort. The Eighth Masonic District has borne its share of raising this sum of money to assist in the effort of Empire to gain control of the subversive forces that are running amuck.

On May 15th, 1941, Emerson Lodge No. 6 held an International night at which the chief speaker was the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota. This evening proved to be one of outstanding character and will be long remembered by those present from the forceful addresses that were delivered on that occasion.

All Lodges in the District are forging ahead on a sound basis, with the exception of Midlothian Lodge No. 90. A special report on the condition of this Lodge has been submitted. I have tried very hard to assist the Lodge overcome its difficulties, which in my opinion are not insurmountable. In my humble opinion the combined effort of the officers and members are required to make progress in any lodge and this particular case is no exception.

In closing I wish to thank my many friends and new acquaintances in the District for the help given during the year. The members of Shiloh Lodge have been of great assistance in accompanying me on my many visits, but I might mention the names of W. Bro. Geo. F. Cochrane, R.W. Bro. R. McKenzie and R.W. Bro. Arthur Cameron, who have particularly helped much. I would bespeak for my successor the same loyal support you have accorded me, knowing that it will help and uphold him in the same degree.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. C. McDONALD,
D.D.G.M., District No. 8

NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the M.W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge
of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:

I have the honor, as your representative during the past year in the office of District Deputy Grand Master, to submit my report on the Condition of Freemasonry in the Ninth District.

During my term of office I visited all the Lodges in the District officially as follows:

Vermillion No. 68.....September 3rd, 1940
Victory No. 128.....September 4th, 1940
Prince Arthur No. 104.....September 5th, 1940
Hiram No. 94.....October 19th, 1940
Favel No. 126.....October 1st, 1940
Jubilee No. 147.....October 2nd, 1940
Robbie Burns No. 100.....November 13th, 1940
Roblin No. 122.....April 14th, 1941
I have also visited most of the Lodges unofficially.

As your representative I was loyally received on all occasions.

The District Meeting was held in Dauphin on October 9th, 1940. All Lodges in the District were represented. The total number of Brethren on the register was 102.

W. Bro. J. E. Ramsden, Mayor of Dauphin, extended an address of welcome to the Grand Master and other Grand Lodge Officers.

Discussions on several subjects took place.

Worshipful Masters present gave reports on the Condition of Freemasonry in their respective Lodges.

The meeting adjourned at 5 p.m. to attend a banquet in the Town Hall. Labor was resumed at 8.30 p.m.

The M.W. Grand Master gave a splendid address on "Character," the greatest human trait. This address was intently followed by all brethren present and most enthusiastically received.

Short addresses were given by R.W. Bro. Russell, Grand Sec.; M.W. Bro. Harry Woods, Librarian, and R.W. Bro. C. H. Bayfield, D.D.G.M. of the 5th Masonic District.

After the wonderful service held in the Auditorium, Winnipeg. I arranged two district services, one for the Northern Lodges, under the guidance of W. Bro. Hanley, and one for the Southern Lodges directed by our District Chaplain Bro. H. Dickson. Both services were well attended. It was a matter of sincere regret to me that owing to sickness I was unable to be at either of these services. Two Past D.D.G.M's, R. W. Bro. McFadden and R.W. Bro. Lamb, took my place and to them and Bros. Dickson and

Hanley, I am deeply grateful. I am pleased to be able to report that interest in Freemasonry is increasing in the District. I have stressed the need of study and the opportunity to do so extended by Grand Lodge through the Librarian.

The Lodges in the Ninth District are seventy-five per cent. really good, and while there is always room for improvement in all of them, the twenty-five per cent. can stand quite a lot of it.

May I in conclusion, express to the Grand Lodge Officers my sincerest thanks for the help they have given me whenever I needed it. And to my District Secretary, Bro. J. Connor, I owe a debt of gratitude for his untiring efforts during the year.

The office of D.D.G.M. calls for a lot of work, and I have tried to give the best service of which I am capable. It is my hope that I may to some small extent have contributed to the good of Freemasonry and the past year will always be one of the happiest years of my life.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN M. BATEMAN,
D.D.G.M., Ninth Masonic District.

TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the M.W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge
of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I now submit to you my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Tenth Masonic District.

The District Meeting was held in St. Anne's Parish Hall, West Kildonan, on October 3rd, 1940, and it turned out to be one of the finest Occasions I have ever experienced—a real fellowship meeting.

The reception of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson, who was accompanied by a goodly number of Grand Lodge Officers was impressive. In welcoming him I did not fail to remind him of the outstanding services he is rendering to Craft Masonry, and in the language of the poet, I said:

"You walk the path the great have trod,
The great in heart, the great in mind,
Who looked through Masonry to God,
And looked through God to all mankind
Found more than word or sign or grip,
Found man's and God's relationship.

And so, I say a sacred trust
Is yours to share, is yours to keep;
I hear the voice of men of dust,
I hear the step of men asleep;
And down the endless future, too,
Your own shall echo after you."

Our Most Worshipful Grand Master then delivered an able address, which in his inimitable and grand style, was enjoyed by all. It has indeed been a privilege and an honor to have served during his term of office.

The meeting then adjourned and repaired to the Auditorium Hall of the Centennial School, where a repast was held and a splendid programme enjoyed.

At the banquet hour R.W. Bro. Rev. Geo. R. Calvert, Deputy Grand Master, made a stirring appeal on behalf of the Masonic War Effort Fund.

My first visitation as District Deputy Grand Master was to Manitouwapa Lodge, where I assisted in the Ceremonies of Consecrating and Constituting this new Lodge.

M.W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence acted as Grand Master and he was assisted by R.W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell, Grand Secretary; R.W. Bro. Rev. P. T. Pilkey, Grand Chaplain; V.W. Bro. Joseph J. Lyon, Grand Organist. At the completion of the above ceremonies, M.W. Bro. Harry Woods installed their officers.

Manitouwapa Lodge, now No. 156, on the Grand Registry of Manitoba, is situated in Moosehorn, 124 miles from Winnipeg, and we were all agreeably surprised to find a splendid gravel road which parallels the railroad, Oak Point Branch, C.N.R., practically all the way.

I made official visits to the other Lodges as follows:
The Dormer No. 151.....October 1st, 1940
Seven Oaks No. 148.....November 8th, 1940
Stonewall No. 12.....November 19th, 1940
Lisgar No. 2.....January 21st, 1941

Transcona No. 123.....	February 7th, 1941
Kildonan No. 131.....	March 11th, 1941
Stony Mountain No. 134.....	April 2nd, 1941
Ophir No. 112.....	April 4th, 1941
Pine Falls No. 154.....	April 11th, 1941

In all these visitations I was most cordially and heartily received and I assure you, Brethren, that I will always hold an everlasting remembrance of those pleasant occasions.

At these meetings I have been deeply impressed with the splendid spirit of earnestness that characterizes our membership and their pride in their Lodge affiliations. They exhibit on all occasions a proper spirit of rivalry and emulation and combined with this is such a marked feeling of loyalty that I am convinced that there is only needed a wise direction to secure noteworthy advancement in every line of endeavor.

I am led to wonder whether those Brethren to whom are entrusted the administration of Masonic affairs have always fully realized and utilized the latest forces for good that are at their command. The successful leader is not the only man who accomplishes great things himself, but the one who can inspire his associates with the proper appreciation of their responsibilities, the determination to take full advantage of their opportunities and a spirit of unselfish devotion that leads to co-operative work, the greatest force in the world today.

And above all, Brethren, there is throughout the District a splendid feeling of true fellowship and I am also pleased to report that there is an increasing tendency among the different Lodges to get together, particularly in the interchange of visits. This is especially to be recommended, as I believe fraternal visits, which bind us closer together, are productive of much good.

And as your representative, Most Worshipful Sir, I had a message on each occasion which I am sure would receive your endorsement and approbation. Messages which I might say in the eloquent language of one of my predecessors that, "I have gathered a posy of other men's flowers and naught but the thread that binds them is my own."

I spoke to them about the Functions of Fraternalism, stressing the fact that the primary function of fraternalism is to bring men together so that they may enjoy each other's society and gain mutual benefit; and that today, to my mind, it is even more pronounced than ever before. And then again I reminded them that the enduring power of Fraternalism lies in the fact that it affords an opportunity of making friends.

What is a friend? He is a person with whom you dare to be yourself. He asks of you to assume nothing, hide nothing, only to be what you are.

With a friend, you do not have to be on your guard. You can say what you think, express what you feel. With him you breathe freely. You can take off your coat and loosen your collar. You can reveal your little vanities and your hobbies, your likes and dislikes, and in disclosing them to him they are lost, swallowed up, in the ocean of his loyalty.

With a friend you do not have to be careful; he understands. He is like fire, that purifies all you do. He is like water, that cleanses all you say. He is like wine, that warms you to the bone.

In true friendship, there must be both give and take. Patience and forbearance are its essential characteristics. We should not ask too much if we expect to keep a friendship, and most of all, we must be ready to give ourselves, at our very best, to meet the needs and expectations of our friends.

"Tis the human touch in this world that counts,
The touch of your hand and mine,
Which means far more to the fainting heart,
Than shelter and bread and wine.
For the shelter is gone when the night is o'er,
And bread lasts only a day;
But the touch of the hand and the Sound of the voice
Sing of the Soul always."

I afterwards spoke on other subjects: "The Volume of the Sacred Law," the greatest Ancient Landmark in Freemasonry, also on "Our Old Masons and their going on in service and finally going home," reminding them that no man of mature years has a 100-year lease on life.

And finally, and I trust that I may be pardoned if some reference is made to the World conditions which take premier position in our thoughts at this time and concerning which I spoke before a number of our Lodges.

In the panorama of events things have happened which a couple of years ago we had hoped would be averted. Once again we are at war, with its consequent trail of sorrow and hardship—once again the march of armed men—the rumble of artillery and the roar of aircraft falls upon the ears of war-stricken Europe. Oh! the tragedy of it all. Yet we in Canada, as a

definite part of that great champion of liberty and right—The British Empire—realize that if democratic institutions are to survive, if religious liberty—and the right of self-government is to be preserved—we must take our place among those who seek to stem the tide of dictatorship and bestial brutality. With sordid thoughts of war uppermost in our hearts and minds we face the future serene in the hope that Almighty God, who has been an ever present shield and bulwark in our time of need, may continue to lead us on and guide our footsteps into that pathway which ultimately will bring order out of chaos—restore peace and happiness to a troubled world and bring all mankind into a garden of love—where strife and bloodshed shall be unknown.

And ever the question arises
As portentous signs we trace,
What will the final outcome be
And what the saving grace?
And Masonry makes answer
With its all-sufficient plan:
The Fatherhood of God
And the Brotherhood of Man.

In conclusion I want to thank you for the honor, which you conferred upon me just about a year ago today, in appointing me as your District Deputy Grand Master, and I trust that I have in some small degree been worthy of the trust reposed in me by "something attempted, something done," and service heartily, if imperfectly rendered, to the Craft.

I also desire to thank the members of Seven Oaks Lodge, who accompanied me on my official visits, more especially my District Secretary, W. Bro. A. C. Pritchard, who was present on all occasions and gave valuable and sound advice.

I am sure that at this time I can say that the outstanding feature, in our Lodges and throughout its membership, is the fine spirit that exists throughout the whole District, and I believe that this is due to, more than all else, an earnest desire on the part of our Brethren for true fellowship, and that in this endeavor there is a realization of the real value of maintaining a perfect understanding, one with another, and finally, Brethren, may this happy condition continue for all time to come.

Fraternally submitted,

F. W. BROWNELL,
D.D.G.M., Tenth Masonic District.

TWELFTH MASONIC LODGE

To the M.W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba,
A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:

I have the honor of presenting to you a report of my stewardship as your D.D.G.M. of the Twelfth Masonic District.

During my term of office I have visited officially each Lodge in the District. I was received on each occasion with dignity and respect, and accorded the honors due to my office of D.D.G.M.

Owing to lack of candidates I found it necessary to re-visit a few Lodges in order that I might witness the exemplification of some degree work in accordance with your expressed wish.

In most Lodges visited the Degree work presented was of a high standard, the Masters and Wardens being well skilled, and, also, of having been fortunate enough to have had the assistance of Past Masters who were anxious and willing to prepare Junior Officers for leadership in the Craft, for the benefit of their Lodge, and the good of Freemasonry in general. Great credit is due to these brethren who have given of their time and talent in the preparation of the Junior Officers for advancement towards the East.

In other Lodges visited I found the Masters and Wardens functioning in a satisfactory manner but the Junior Officers do not seem to have had sufficient guidance and instruction to prepare them for possible promotion towards the East.

The Junior Officers have the right to expect guidance, and instruction from the Master, who, in turn, has the right to demand of the Junior Officer, that he become efficient in the work of the Lodge, and demonstrate that he is qualified to perform the duties of his office, and in due course become capable of assuming the responsibilities of advancement.

It is very unusual for an indifferent Junior Officer to become an efficient Warden or Master. If the work before the Lodge is presented in an indifferent and careless manner, the members will lose interest and a falling off in attendance may be the result. The Master should make it his duty to see that these conditions do not develop in his Lodge.

It has been my earnest desire to perform the duties of my office in a fair but sympathetic manner, and when necessary, make suggestions where some improvement might be made for the better functioning of the Lodge, and a more efficient performance of the allotted tasks assigned to any Lodge member.

The warmth of the reception, and the courteous manner in which I was received into each Lodge visited was largely a tribute of sincere regard and affection to you M.W. Sir; and an expression of loyalty from the members of the Twelfth Masonic District, through your D.D.G.M.

The sitting Masters, and P.M.'s of the District supported me on the occasion of each visit, these brethren have given of their time and talent and have been of great assistance to me throughout the year, and at this time I wish to thank them in all sincerity, for what they have done, and for their loyalty to me during my term of office.

There are some men in our membership who do not take an interest in memorizing and, therefore, they do not have a sustained interest in the activities of the Lodge. This condition might be adjusted if each Lodge were to inaugurate a class where the study of the Book of Constitution could be taken up and discussed, or a class where the members might get together for instruction on the opening and closing of a Lodge, and the practice of what might be termed, "the work in the Chairs", these suggestions have been of great interest in some Lodges, especially to the Junior Officers.

I wish to express my thanks to the District Officers Wor. Bro. A. E. Duff, Secretary, Wor. Bro. N. Rothstein, Treasurer, and Wor. Bro. A. Huddleston, who have so ably supported me on my official visits, men who never failed me in the performance of their allotted tasks.

It is gratifying to report that I found the Craft throughout the District to be in a healthy condition and living up to the precepts, principles and teachings of the fraternity. There has been a slight increase in membership this year, and it is encouraging to note the friendly feeling that has been developed among the brethren. There is also a desire for more interlodge visitations than we have been having in the past. This aspect of our work is one that has great possibilities for the Craft and should be developed among the brethren in every District.

Last year when I was elected to the high office of District Deputy Grand Master, a very great honor was conferred upon me, and at the close of my term of office, I take this opportunity of

thanking you in all sincerity for the honor conferred, and for the great privilege that has been mine throughout the Masonic year and to express the hope that my stewardship has proved worthy of the confidence that was placed in me by the members of the Twelfth Masonic District.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I would like to express my thanks to you for confirming my election to this high office.

This evening recalls to my mind words from a beautiful poem: "When you come to the end of a perfect day, and you sit alone with your thoughts."

It is with these words in mind, that I would like to express my thanks as I vacate the high office, which I have had the honor to occupy during this Masonic year.

To me it has been a year of education, inspiration, and pleasure; a year that I will long remember, and when I sit alone with my thoughts, nothing shall efface the memories of the friendships which I have made during my visitations as your D.D.G.M.

Fraternally submitted,

ALF. PHILLIPS,
D.D.G.M. Twelfth Masonic District.

LODGES

The Pas	No. 124
Sprague	No. 132
Flin Flon	No. 153

Under direct supervision of the Grand Master.

To the M.W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba,
A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:

This part of the report might very well be dispensed with, as it would appear that the Grand Master was reporting to himself. However, I am putting down a short report in order that it may be available for the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry, thus making the Jurisdiction complete.

I have nothing to add to what I put down on form 21 so that what is incorporated here is more by way of consolidating the report of the three Lodges under the supervision of the Grand Master.

It was most fortunate for me that I opened my tour of the Jurisdiction at Flin Flon, because I know of no place where a Grand Master will get quite the same degree of encouragement and inspiration for his year's work, than just in this northern outpost. This Lodge is blessed with an intelligent, energetic membership. A large percentage of the membership are young men which supplies the Lodge with an abundance of energy. They have their own Lodge building. It is well furnished, convenient and has good anti-room, cloak room, secretary's quarters, etc. The Secretary can very well be classed with the best in the Jurisdiction. Masonry is really alive in Flin Flon. The hospitality is overwhelming and so genuine that one couples the word "hospitality" ever after with the name Flin Flon. It is a real pleasure to report on such a Lodge because on top of all this, their work was as nearly faultless as one would find anywhere. I witnessed the E.A. Degree.

What has been said in the foregoing may very well be applied to The Pas No. 124. No degree work witnessed here but opening and closing showed thoroughness and attention to detail. My visit here was made doubly pleasant by the presence of P.G.M. Most Wor. Bro. N. J. Black. This Lodge too, has an exceptionally good Secretary. In both, the Historical Register was kept in good shape and practically up to date. All accounts properly kept and recorded and money deposited in Chartered Bank. The north country will always remain as one of the very bright spots in my travels as Grand Master.

Sprague No. 132. This Lodge is so far removed from other Lodges that they have very little opportunity for fraternal intercourse with any other Lodge and they have a very small resident membership. This does not promote efficiency. With the one good industry, that this place once supported, gone, one wonders just how long this Lodge can carry on. The work is not what it should be, but the spirit of Freemasonry seemed to be just as true as elsewhere. The Secretary was exceptionally good and the whole Lodge seemed to depend very much upon him. The evening I visited, letters were read from two families expressing most sincere thanks for flowers and for assistance given by the Lodge at a time of bereavement.

Here, as elsewhere, the ladies seemed happy to provide a banquet, and to stay up until a late hour to serve. When speaking to the Lodge, I refrained from offering any criticism of the work.

They were delighted to have a visit from the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge Officers accompanying him, but they were (many of them at least) very nervous in the performance of their duties. To have offered any criticism under the conditions, I felt would have done harm rather than good, so I had a talk with some of the leading officers after the Lodge was closed and drew attention to the things I believed would be helpful to their Lodge if they would correct them.

The spirit of Freemasonry is a very real thing to this small community and I hope they may be able to carry on indefinitely. I would suggest that some of the Lodges in the Eighth Masonic District might be induced, might even be very glad, to pay a visit some time during the summer months. I believe some of the Emerson brethren do visit occasionally but a visit once in a while in force would be very helpful, and would, I know, be enjoyed. I was delighted to see a goodly number of brethren from across the line in attendance on the evening we visited. They seemed to enjoy the evening very much and from what I could gather, this visiting across the line is pretty much the extent of the visiting in this section. The fellowship is splendid but the difference in the work practiced on either side of the border does not make these visits of any value in so far as keeping the work in line is concerned. For this reason I recommend an effort being made to have one of the Lodges of the Eighth Masonic District visit them each year with the object of assisting them in bringing their work up to date. A demonstration of opening and closing and if possible of a degree, would, I believe, be very helpful. It is a long drive from Winnipeg to Sprague and return but I consider it was very much worth while.

Books well kept. Historical register up to date. The Secretary at the time I visited was a collector of customs. He took real pride in his work and there is nothing like a good Secretary to keep life in any organization.

Fraternally submitted,

J. J. HENDERSON,
Grand Master.

In Memoriam



DEDICATED
TO
THE DISTINGUISHED DEAD OF
SISTER
GRAND LODGES
1940

In Memoriam

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY
OF

Andrew Browning Baird
D.D.

Initiated into Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1
A.F. & A.M., Winnipeg, Manitoba, June 21st,
1898; Passed August 16th, 1898; Raised
November 15th, 1898. Master of Prince
Rupert's Lodge No. 1 in 1902-1903.

Grand Chaplain 1900-1902

Grand Master 1922-1923

Born in
Perth Co., Ontario
October 6th, 1855

Died in
Winnipeg, Manitoba
September 22nd, 1940

In Memoriam
DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY
OF

Peter E. Scott, D.D.

Grand Chaplain, 1914

DIED

August 21st, 1940

In Memoriam

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY
OF

Arnold M. Smith

District Deputy Grand Master, 1930

DIED

July 12th, 1940

In Memoriam

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY
OF

Joseph A. Morris

District Deputy Grand Master, 1938

DIED

August 21st, 1940

In Memoriam
DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY
OF
William W. Stirling
District Deputy Grand Master, 1909

DIED
December 5th, 1940

In Memoriam
DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY
OF
Dr. John A. Martin
District Deputy Grand Master, 1936

DIED
March 19th, 1941

SACRED TO THE MEMORY
OF THE
ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FOUR
BRETHREN
OF THE SIXTY LODGES
OF THIS GRAND JURISDICTION
WHOSE DEATHS
HAVE BEEN REPORTED DURING THE
MASONIC YEAR
ENDING
DECEMBER 31st, 1940

IN MEMORY
OF THE BELOVED BRETHREN WHO ARE
At Rest

Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Davies, J. E. H.....	Feb. 12th, 1940	Prince Rupert's ...	1
Green, W. H.	April 18th, 1940	Prince Rupert's ...	1
Pratt, L. W.	May 2nd, 1940	Prince Rupert's ...	1
Hodgins, Eli.	May 4th, 1940	Prince Rupert's ...	1
Ledingham, Wm.	June 2nd, 1940	Prince Rupert's ...	1
Lewis, W. H.	Sept. 12th, 1940	Prince Rupert's ...	1
Baird, Rev. A. B.....	Sept. 22nd, 1940	Prince Rupert's ...	1
Bean, S. S.	Sept. 28th, 1940	Prince Rupert's ...	1
McKinnon, P. D.....	Nov. 19th, 1940	Prince Rupert's ...	1
Barker, H.	June 1st, 1940	Lisgar	2
Harris, F. W.	Jan. 13th, 1940	Ancient Landmark .	3
Lane, Chas.....	April 19th, 1940	Ancient Landmark .	3
Sprague, T. G.	Aug. 19th, 1940	Ancient Landmark .	3
Leach, P. H.	Aug. 26th, 1940	Ancient Landmark .	3
English, E. D.	Jan. 2nd, 1940	St. John's	4
Easterbrook, W. J. ...	Jan. 12th, 1940	St. John's	4
Coltart, J.	Jan. 23rd, 1940	St. John's	4
Welford, H.	March 4th, 1940	St. John's	4
Horner, Wm.	Mar. 17th, 1940	St. John's	4
McDiarmid, E. A.....	April 5th, 1940	St. John's	4
Kneebone, T. J.	May 26th, 1940	St. John's	4
Mundell, W. J.	July 17th, 1940	St. John's	4
Matheson, Wm.	Aug. 3rd, 1940	St. John's	4
Burnett, G. R.....	Aug. 15th, 1940	St. John's	4
Cochrane, Jas.	Oct. 12th, 1940	St. John's	4
Drake, S.	Dec. 1940	St. John's	4
Burnie, I.	Dec. 24th, 1940	St. John's	4
Drewry, E. L.	Nov. 2nd, 1940	Emerson	6
Hulme, G. R.	Nov. 8th, 1940	Emerson	6
Taylor, F. G.	Jan. 2nd, 1940	Assiniboine	7
Merrill, W. J.	Jan. 30th, 1940	Assiniboine	7
Burk, D. E.	July 14th, 1940	Assiniboine	7
Scott, P. E.	Aug. 21st, 1940	Assiniboine	7
McCartney, T. W.....	Sept. 1st, 1940	Assiniboine	7
Woolridge, C. P.....	Dec. 17th, 1940	Assiniboine	7

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Churchill, J.	Mar. 14th, 1940	King Solomon	8
Collins, R. C. T.	Aug. 4th, 1940	King Solomon	8
Donald, Wm.	Dec. 16th, 1940	King Solomon	8
Quinn, J. W.	Jan. 16th, 1940	Northern Light	10
Love, R. S.	May 16th, 1940	Northern Light	10
Fitzpatrick, E. A. ...	June 6th, 1940	Northern Light	10
Stewart, D. D.	Aug. 17th, 1940	Northern Light	10
Smith, M. A.	Oct. 9th, 1940	Northern Light	10
Riley, H. E.	Oct. 18th, 1940	Northern Light	10
King, W. C.	Dec. 18th, 1940	Northern Light	10
Wilson, J. H.	Sept. 7th, 1940	Gladstone	11
Winn, H. J.	Dec. 1st, 1940	Gladstone	11
McLellan, F. H.	Sept. 3rd, 1940	Stonewall	12
Vincent, G.	Sept. 5th, 1940	Stonewall	12
McLeod, A. N.	Oct. 4th, 1940	Stonewall	12
McLaren, Jas.	Sept. 1st, 1940	Prince of Wales ...	14
Ward, E. S.	Nov. 22nd, 1940	Prince of Wales ...	14
Duncan, P. C.	Feb. 19th, 1940	Brandon	19
Adolph, H. L.	Feb. 25th, 1940	Brandon	19
Young, Jas.	Mar. 14th, 1940	Brandon	19
Coxe, S. A.	May 20th, 1940	Brandon	19
Reesor, D. A.	Sept. 30th, 1940	Brandon	19
Jardine, T. T.	Nov. 1st, 1940	Brandon	19
Wankling, J. A.	Dec. 18th, 1940	Brandon	19
Baynton, R. E.	Dec. 23rd, 1940	Brandon	19
Ashby, A.	Feb. 15th, 1940	Neepawa	24
Scott, H. A. J.	Nov. 18th, 1940	Neepawa	24
Dallas, R. J.	Feb. 27th, 1940	Ionie	25
McNeil, J.	Mar. 3rd, 1940	Ionie	25
Lawrence, G. A.	Mar. 17th, 1940	Ionie	25
Lynch, G. G.	April 6th, 1940	Ionie	25
Allan, J.	May 15th, 1940	Ionie	25
Craig, J.	May 23rd, 1940	Ionie	25
Barnes, J. W.	Aug. 29th, 1940	Ionie	25
Eaton, R.	Sept. 2nd, 1940	Ionie	25

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Brock, Wm.	Sept. 4th, 1940	Ionic	25
Barnett, W. A.....	Sept. 5th, 1940	Ionic	25
Buchanan, H. H.	Sept. 29th, 1940	Ionic	25
McCartney, W. J.....	Dec. 5th, 1940	Ionic	25
Singleton, H. R.....	Dec. 27th, 1940	Ionic	25
McKellar, M.	Aug. 7th, 1940	Glenwood	27
Freeland, G. J.....	Feb. 10th, 1940	Carberry	29
McAvoy, W. P.	June 27th, 1940	Doric	36
Jones, O.	Aug. 14th, 1940	Doric	36
Willson, Wm.	Nov. 3rd, 1940	Doric	36
LeDain, E. J.	Nov. 7th, 1940	Doric	36
Schmause, H. W.	April 4th, 1940	Deloraine	40
Yewdall, J.	July 13th, 1940	Lebanon	43
Stirling, R. W.	Dec. 5th, 1940	Lebanon	43
Lesurf, E. H.	Mar. 15th, 1940	Oak Lake	44
Hicks, H. E.	Feb. 17th, 1940	Oak Lake	44
McBride, G. H.	Feb. 10th, 1940	Glenboro	48
Lyall, Wm.	June 26th, 1940	Glenboro	48
Merrick, J. B.	Aug. 20th, 1940	Temple	49
Hay, A.	Dec. 25th, 1940	Temple	49
Cockriell, J.	Mar. 16th, 1940	Killarney	50
Bowman, G. A.....	Nov. 27th, 1940	Treherne	51
Storey, D. W.....	Feb. 18th, 1940	Hartney	52
Hill, W. H. B.	April 17th, 1940	Hartney	52
Leitch, A.	June 5th, 1940	Composite	64
Howat, Wm.	June 15th, 1940	Composite	64
Roberts, D. T.	June 19th, 1940	Composite	64
Hill, J.	Aug. 29th, 1940	Composite	64
Leitch, P. M.	Nov. 22nd, 1940	Composite	64
Ross, Wm.	June 2nd, 1940	Vermillion	68
Clifton, A. L.....	June 21st, 1940	Vermillion	68
McDonald, J.....	Sept. 25th, 1940	Vermillion	68
Widmeyer, E.	Nov. 4th, 1940	Vermillion	68
Skinner, Geo.	Nov. 1st, 1940	Shiloh	70
Cryderman, W. N....	July 19th, 1940	Elkhorn	74

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Morris, J. A.	Aug. 21st, 1940	Gothic	75
Hay, Jas.	Sept. 5th, 1940	Gothic	75
Thomas, H.	Sept. 7th, 1940	Gothic	75
Cornock, W. B.	July 3rd, 1940	Cypress	82
Wellwood, A.	Sept. 19th, 1940	Cypress	82
Gillam, W. B.	Oct. 18th, 1940	Cypress	82
Macmillan, J. M.	Nov. 3rd, 1940	Hamiota	84
Maguire, S. R.	July 25th, 1940	Elgin	86
Sterling, W. W.	Dec. 5th, 1940	Elgin	86
Smith, E. H.	April 21st, 1940	Shoal Lake.....	92
Dobbs, F.	Dec. 29th, 1940	Shoal Lake.....	92
Gardiner, J.	Mar. 6th, 1940	King Edward.....	93
Tingley, R. L.	May 2nd, 1940	King Edward.....	93
Smith, D. G.	Aug. 1940	King Edward.....	93
Daintry, F.	Oct. 2nd, 1940	King Edward.....	93
Campbell, J. M.	Oct. 27th, 1940	King Edward.....	93
Shepherd, J.	Dec. 2nd, 1940	King Edward.....	93
Shean, W. A.	Dec. 29th, 1940	Miniota	102
Channell, A. T.	Oct. 6th, 1940	Crescent	103
Walls, J. V.	May 31st, 1940	Reston	104
Easson, R. M.	Sept. 18th, 1940	Strathclair	106
King, G. W.	Nov. 4th, 1940	Union	108
Wood, C.	Jan. 10th, 1940	Acacia	111
Glass, R. A.	May 16th, 1940	Acacia	111
Gilchrist, E. G.	July 29th, 1940	Acacia	111
Bird, G. H.	Sept. 9th, 1940	Acacia	111
Gray, F.	Nov. 27th, 1940	Acacia	111
Maley, E. M.	Jan. 8th, 1940	Tweed	113
Robertson, W. A.	June 16th, 1940	Tweed	113
McFarlane, R.	Oct. 3rd, 1940	Tweed	113
Wheeler, R. D.	Jan. 29th, 1940	"The Assiniboine" ..	114
Rackham, W. C.	July 26th, 1940	"The Assiniboine" ..	114
Cook, J. M.	Sept. 16th, 1940	"The Assiniboine" ..	114
Marshall, J. F. J.	Nov. 23rd, 1940	"The Assiniboine" ..	114
Perry, W. T.	Nov. 25th, 1940	"The Assiniboine" ..	114

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Dobbyn, S.	Dec. 2nd, 1940	St. Andrew's	116
Goodbrand, G.	Dec. 26th, 1940	Stratheona	118
Berlon, E. A.	Feb. 1st, 1940	Norwood	119
Carson, S.	Oct. 15th, 1940	Norwood	119
McDonald, J.	Dec. 28th, 1940	Norwood	119
Wood, T. H.	May 5th, 1940	St. James	121
Willard, F. J.	Dec. 28th, 1940	St. James	121
Enberg, S.	Sept. 28th, 1940	Transcona	123
Smith, A.	July 12th, 1940	Fort Garry	130
Aikman, G.	Dec. 8th, 1940	Kildonan	131
Douglas, J. A.	July 24th, 1940	Stony Mountain... 134	
Goddard, C. A.	May 31st, 1940	Capitol	136
McBeth G. A.	Sept. 4th, 1940	Capitol	136
McPherson, W. C.	Oct. 18th, 1940	Capitol	136
Barr, M.	Aug. 13th, 1940	Windsor	138
Hulme, A.	Nov. 26th, 1940	Windsor	138
Kilgour, F. T.	Feb. 9th, 1940	Meridian	140
Webb, J.	Feb. 29th, 1940	Meridian	140
Greenfield, J. H.	Mar. 24th, 1940	Meridian	140
Wood, R.	Aug. 12th, 1940	Meridian	140
Junor, A.	Oct. 15th, 1940	Tuscan	141
Zilz, C. W.	Feb. 1st, 1940	Mt. Sinai	143
Phillips, T. L.	Feb. 7th, 1940	Fidelity	146
Malone, R. S.	Dec. 21st, 1940	Cartwright	150
Lyons, A. J.	Mar. 26th, 1940	The Dormer	151
Hornley, L. L.	Mar. 28th, 1940	The Dormer	151
Winslade, H.	May 3rd, 1940	The Dormer	151
Mullineaux, E. R. ...	May 12th, 1940	The Dormer	151
Beavis, H. G.	June 7th, 1940	The Dormer	151
Ross, J.	Dec. 15th, 1940	The Dormer	151

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Eaket, J. A.....	Dec. 18th, 1940	Prince Rupert's ...	1
Marshall, A. R.	Jan. 15th, 1940	Ancient Landmark.	3
Thomson, J. H.....	Oct. 24th, 1940	Ancient Landmark.	3
Fordyce, G. C.	Nov. 18th, 1940	Ancient Landmark.	3
Reinoehl, G. W.	Dec. 4th, 1940	St. John's	4
McLean, J.	Dec. 4th, 1940	St. John's	4
Farrell, R.	Sept. 16th, 1940	Assiniboine	7
McKay, W. A.	Sept. 16th, 1940	Assiniboine	7
Aikens, A.	Oct. 8th, 1940	King Solomon.....	8
Douglas, G. B.	June 16th, 1940	Northern Light	10
Walker, A. M.	Nov. 10th, 1940	Stonewall	12
Else, J. W.	Dec. 17th, 1940	Stonewall	12
Forshaw, A. H.....	Jan. 19th, 1940	Brandon	19
Innes, D. A.	Jan. 19th, 1940	Brandon	19
McKenzie, D. G.....	Feb. 13th, 1940	Brandon	19
Ward, H.	Dec. 10th, 1940	Brandon	19
Cruikshank, Rev. J. W.....	June 11th, 1940	Neepawa	24
Edward, W. H.	July 1st, 1940	Neepawa	24
Virtue, R. A.....	Oct. 16th, 1940	Neepawa	24
Yarnell, R. H.	Mar. 3rd, 1940	Ionic	25
Barnes, L. T.....	Dec. 31st, 1940	Ionic	25
Schwartz, H.	Dec. 31st, 1940	Glenwood	27
Trotter, H. A.....	Mar. 19th, 1940	Carberry	29
Scott, F.	Jan. 2nd, 1940	Manitou	30
Curll, G. O.	July 23rd, 1940	Doric	36
Noton, A. C.	Dec. 27th, 1940	Doric	36
Beirnes, W. G.....	Jan. 23rd, 1940	Birtle	39
Hamilton, A.	Jan. 3rd, 1940	Deloraine	40
Hainsworth, P. W.....	Feb. 7th, 1940	Deloraine	40
Cameron, W. C.....	Feb. 20th, 1940	Lebanon	43
Knight, J. M.	Jan. 18th, 1940	Oak Lake.....	44
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When Elected	Grand Masters	Deputy Grand Masters	Grand Senior Wardens	Grand Junior Wardens	Grand Treasurers	Grand Secretaries	Grand Registrars	Grand Chaplains
1875	*Rev. W. C. Clarke	*Hon. W. N. Kennedy	*Jas. Henderson	*S. L. Bedson	*Col. Jno. Kennedy	*John H. Bell	*H. T. Champion	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1876	*Hon. W. N. Kennedy	*Jas Henderson	*S. L. Bedson	*G. F. Newcomb	*J. J. Johnston	*John H. Bell	*Jno. W. Harris	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1877	*G. F. Newcomb	*Jas Henderson	*Jno. W. Harris	*E. G. Conklin	*J. J. Johnston	*John H. Bell	*Col. Jno. Kennedy	Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson
1878	*G. F. Newcomb	*Jno. W. Harris	*Simon Duffin	*F. T. Bradley	*J. J. Johnston	*John H. Bell	*Col. Jno. Kennedy	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1879	Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson	*Jno. W. Harris	*Simon Duffin	*R. McCuaig	*J. J. Johnston	*John H. Bell	*James Munroe	*Rev. James Flett
1880	*John H. Bell	*E. G. Conklin	*Hon. G. McMicken	*J. M. McGregor	*J. J. Johnston	*Wm. G. Scott	*D. G. Dick	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1881	*John H. Bell	*Wm. G. Scott	*D. B. Murray	*C. F. Forrest	*J. J. Johnston	*Jas. Henderson	*D. G. Dick	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1882	*John H. Bell	*Wm. G. Scott	*Alfred Pearson	*C. F. Forrest	*J. J. Johnston	*Wm. G. Scott	*D. G. Dick	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1883	*John H. Bell	*D. B. Murray	*R. McCuaig	*John Smith	*J. J. Johnston	*Wm. G. Scott	*D. Young	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1884	*John H. Bell	*C. F. Forrest	*Rev. J. M. Wellwood	*N. J. Lindsay	*J. J. Johnston	*Wm. G. Scott	*Wm. Simpson	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1885	*C. F. Forrest	*Alfred Pearson	*Peter McGregor	*Thos. Collins	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*J. W. H. Wilson	Wellwood *Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1886	*Alfred Pearson	*Peter McGregor	*J. W. H. Wilson	*J. K. Brydon	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*Wm. G. Bell	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1887	*Thomas Clark	*John A. Kerr	*James A. Ovas	*Wm. G. Bell	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*Jas. S. Greig	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1888	*Thomas Clark	*James A. Ovas	*Wm. G. Bell	*R. C. Brown	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*Joseph Daniel	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1889	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara	*Wm. G. Bell	*Thos. L. Morton	*Thos. McPherson	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*James A. Payne	Rev. Arthur W. Goulding
1890	*James A. Ovas	*Wm. G. Bell	*Thos. McPherson	*Fred L. Newman	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*R. W. Woodroffe	Rev. Arthur W. Goulding
1891	*Wm. G. Bell	*J. W. H. Wilson	*Rich'd D. Foley	*John Leslie	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*James G. Dagg	*Rev. Wm. J. Garton
1892	*J. W. H. Wilson	*D. J. Goggin	*F. G. Lewin	*Thos. Robinson	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*Wm. A. Windatt	*Rev. Wm. J. Garton
1893	*D. J. Goggin	*Thos. Robinson	*Thomas Tweed	*Corbet Locke	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*J. H. Munson	*Rev. Wm. J. Garton
1894	*Thomas Tweed	*Charles N. Bell	*Corbet Locke	*Hugh U. Bain	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*Rev. A. W. F. Cooper	*Rev. C. B. Pitblado
1895	*Charles N. Bell	*Corbet Locke	*John Leslie	*Geo. B. Murphy	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*John Chambers	*Rev. C. B. Pitblado

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When Elected	Grand Masters	Deputy Grand Masters	Grand Senior Wardens	Grand Junior Wardens	Grand Treasurers	Grand Secretaries	Grand Registrars	Grand Chaplains
1896	*Corbet Locke ...	*John Leslie ...	Fred L. Newman.	†F. T. English...	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott...	†C. N. Mitchell...	Rev. J. W. Matheson
1897	*Thomas Robinson	*Geo. B. Murphy	*Rev. Wm. J. Garton	†Wm. Crawford	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott...	*J. O. Smith...	*Rev. A. Chisholm
1898	*Geo. B. Murphy.	*H. J. Eberts...	*R. S. Thornton	*Wm. A. Windatt.	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott...	†Edgar W. Rugg...	†Rev. C. R. Littler
1899	*John Leslie ...	*R. S. Thornton.	*W. A. Windatt...	*S. B. Jamieson...	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott...	†J. A. Sutherland	†Rev. J. W. Muirhead
1900	*R. S. Thornton...	*Rev. Wm. J. Garton	Wm. Fenwick ...	*R. Hill Myers...	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas...	†E. A. Braithwaite.	*Rev. A. B. Baird
1901	*R. S. Thornton...	*R. Hill Myers...	†E. A. Braithwaite.	*Rev. A. Chisholm	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas...	*James M. Suttie...	*Rev. A. B. Baird
1902	*R. Hill Myers...	†E. A. Braithwaite	*Rev. A. Chisholm.	*Geo. W. Baker...	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas...	†Geo. H. Webster...	†Rev. Geo. H. Webb
1903	†E. A. Braithwaite	*Rev. A. Chisholm	*Wm. G. Scott...	†H. H. Campkin...	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas...	*R. P. Crookshank.	†Rev. Geo. H. Webb
1904	*Rev. A. Chisholm	*Wm. G. Scott...	†H. H. Campkin...	†James Scroggie	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas...	†O. E. S. White...	Rev. John Wells
1905	*Wm. G. Scott...	†H. H. Campkin...	†James Scroggie	Henry J. Pugh...	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas...	*John R. Grant...	†Rev. Geo. H. Hogbin
1906	*John McKechnie.	†James Scroggie	Henry J. Pugh...	*James D. Baine...	*T. Harry Webb...	*James A. Ovas...	*Arthur H. Smith.	*Rev. Jas. L. Gordon
1907	*James Scroggie ...	Henry J. Pugh...	*James D. Baine...	*John Wenys...	*T. Harry Webb...	*James A. Ovas...	*Robert Magnus...	*Rev. Jas. L. Gordon
1908	Henry J. Pugh...	*James D. Baine...	*John Wenys...	*Wm. Chambers...	*T. Harry Webb...	*James A. Ovas...	*A. N. Macpherson	Rev. Thos. Neville
1909	*James D. Baine...	*Geo. W. Baker...	*John Wenys...	*Wm. Chambers...	*T. Harry Webb...	*James A. Ovas...	*Joseph Greenfield.	*Rev. Wm. Robertson
1910	*Geo. W. Baker...	*John Wenys...	*Wm. Chambers...	Ed. M. Walker...	*T. Harry Webb...	*James A. Ovas...	*Jas. E. Maynard...	*Rev. Wm. Robertson
1911	*John Wenys...	*Wm. Chambers...	Ed. M. Walker...	*Lynds S. Vaughan	*T. Harry Webb...	*James A. Ovas...	*R. W. A. Rolph...	Rev. Frederick W. Goodere
1912	*Wm. Chambers...	Ed. M. Walker...	*Lynds S. Vaughan	Henry E. Bletcher.	*T. Harry Webb...	*James A. Ovas...	*John Colwell...	Rev. Frederick W. Goodere
1913	Ed. M. Walker...	*Lynds S. Vaughan	Henry E. Bletcher.	*Percy E. Kellett.	*T. Harry Webb...	*James A. Ovas...	Robert L. Ross...	Rev. Sydney D. Thomas
1914	*Lynds S. Vaughan	William Fenwick	Henry E. Bletcher.	*Percy E. Kellett.	*T. Harry Webb...	*James A. Ovas...	*J. M. Robinson...	*Rev. Peter E. Scott
1915	William Fenwick.	Henry E. Bletcher.	*Percy E. Kellett.	Ed. T. Greenway	*T. Harry Webb...	*James A. Ovas...	*Jno. Macwhirter	*Rev. Thos. G. Bethell
1916	Henry E. Bletcher	*Percy E. Kellett.	Ed. T. Greenway.	*Alex. McIntyre...	*James G. Dagg.	*James A. Ovas...	Chas. F. Hasselfield	Rev. James S. Miller
1917	*Percy E. Kellett.	Ed. T. Greenway	*Alex. McIntyre...	Albert J. Hatcher.	*James G. Dagg.	*James A. Ovas...	*Jno. J. Jackson...	*Rev. Thos. G. Bethell

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1918	Ed. T. Greenway.	*Alex. McIntyre ..	Albert J. Hatcher.	Geo. N. Jackson.	*James G. Dagg.	*James A. Ovas.	*Rev. Tros. G. Bethell
1919	*Alex. McIntyre ..	Albert J. Hatcher.	Geo. N. Jackson.	*Rev. A. B. Baird.	Wm. J. Major.	*James A. Ovas.	.....	Rev. James W. Anderson
1920	Albert J. Hatcher	Geo. N. Jackson.	*Rev. A. B. Baird	Wm. J. Major..	Jabez Miller ...	*James A. Ovas.	.....	Rev. Chas. E. Somerset
1921	Geo. N. Jackson.	*Rev. A. B. Baird	Wm. J. Major...	Jas. S. MacEwing.	Jabez Miller ...	*James A. Ovas.	.....	Rev. Chas. E. Somerset
1922	*Rev. A. B. Baird	Wm. J. Major...	Jas. S. MacEwing.	A. L. Crossin....	Jabez Miller ...	*James A. Ovas.	.....	Rev. Chas. E. Somerset
1923	Wm. J. Major...	Jas. S. MacEwing.	Albert L. Crossin.	J. C. Walker Reid.	Jabez Miller ...	*James A. Ovas.	.....	† Rev. Wm. C. Cunningham
1924	Jas. S. MacEwing	Albert L. Crossin.	J. C. Walker Reid.	Jabez Miller	James Mackie ...	*James A. Ovas.	.....	† Rev. Wm. C. Cunningham
1925	Albert L. Crossin	J. C. Walker Reid.	Jabez Miller	*Murdo A. Whimster	James Mackie ...	*James A. Ovas.	.....	*Rev. Andrew T. Norquay
1926	J. O. Walker Reid	Jabez Miller	*Murdo A. Whimster	William Douglas ..	James Mackie ...	*James A. Ovas.	.....	*Rev. Andrew T. Norquay
1927	Jabez Miller ...	*Murdo A. Whimster	William Douglas ..	George Hunter ..	James Mackie ...	*James A. Ovas.	.....	Rev. George W. Findlay
1928	*Murdo A. Whimster.	William Douglas ..	George Hunter ..	Norman J. Black.	*Wm. M. Bannatyne	*James A. Ovas.	.....	Rev. George W. Findlay
1929	William Douglas.	George Hunter....	Norman J. Black.	David S. Woods..	*Wm. M. Bannatyne	*James A. Ovas.	.....	Rev. George W. Findlay
1930	George Hunter ..	Norman J. Black.	David S. Woods..	James Mackie	*Wm. M. Bannatyne	*James A. Ovas.	.....	Rev. G. A. Woodside
1931	Norman J. Black	David S. Woods..	James Mackie ...	*Henry L. Adolph.	*Wm. M. Bannatyne	*James A. Ovas.	.....	Rev. G. A. Woodside
1932	David S. Woods.	James Mackie ...	*Henry L. Adolph.	Royal Burritt ...	Alex. Burgess ...	*James A. Ovas.	.....	Rt. Rev. W. W. H. Thomas
1933	James Mackie ..	*Henry L. Adolph.	Royal Burritt ...	Harry Woods ...	Alex. Burgess ...	*James A. Ovas.	.....	Rt. Rev. W. W. H. Thomas
1934	*Henry L. Adolph.	Royal Burritt ...	Harry Woods ...	John T. Boyd....	Alex. Burgess ...	*James A. Ovas.	.....	Rev. George R. Calvert
1935	Royal Burritt ..	Harry Woods ...	John T. Boyd....	Robert Hawkins ..	Alex. Burgess ...	J. H. G. Russell.	.....	Rev. George R. Calvert
1936	Harry Woods ...	John T. Boyd....	Robert Hawkins ..	W. D. Lawrence..	Alex. Burgess ...	J. H. G. Russell.	.....	Rev. Thomas Neville
1937	John T. Boyd...	Robert Hawkins ..	W. D. Lawrence..	J. J. Henderson..	Alex. Burgess ...	J. H. G. Russell.	.....	Rev. Harry Sherstone
1938	Robert Hawkins..	W. D. Lawrence..	J. J. Henderson..	Rev. G. R. Calvert	Alex. Burgess ...	J. H. G. Russell.	.....	Rev. Harry Sherstone
1939	W. D. Lawrence.	J. J. Henderson..	Rev. G. R. Calvert	S. H. Fahmi....	Alex. Burgess ...	J. H. G. Russell.	.....	Rev. P. T. Pilkey
1940	J. J. Henderson..	Rev. G. R. Calvert	S. H. Fahmi....	Ben C. Parker...	Alex. Burgess ...	J. H. G. Russell.	.....	Rev. P. T. Pilkey
1941	*Canon G. R. Calvert	S. H. Fahmi....	Ben C. Parker...	Sam Burland....	Alex. Burgess ...	J. H. G. Russell.	.....	Rev. P. T. Pilkey

* Dead

† Removed from Jurisdiction

LODGE DIRECTORY

No.	Name of Lodge	P.O. Address	Worshipful Master	Secretary	Time of Regular Meeting
1	Prince Rupert's	Winnipeg	R. S. Scanes	John McRae	Third Tuesday
2	Lisgar	Selkirk	M. E. Bunn	Thos. Bunn	Third Tuesday
3	Ancient Landmark	Winnipeg	P. G. Hawkins	W. F. Hutton	Third Monday
4	St. John's	Winnipeg	E. Howard Brown	Jas. Mackie	First Wednesday
6	Emerson	Winnipeg	R. B. Irvine	Len. Beer	Third Thursday
7	Assiniboine	Portage la Prairie	W. C. Bradley	J. H. Reynolds	Third Monday
8	King Solomon	Morris	A. J. Stevenson	S. S. Wilton	Second Tuesday
10	Northern Light	Winnipeg	J. T. Norquay	D. A. Ross	Third Thursday
11	Gladstone	Stonewall	R. M. Cawley	E. J. Cresswell	Second Monday
12	Stonewall	Stonewall	Jos. Saundry	S. F. Groome	Third Tuesday
13	Belmont	Morden	Geo. E. Cox	B. H. Emerson	Third Thursday
14	Prince of Wales	Minnetosa	Dr. E. J. Skafel	E. E. Tilley	Second Thursday
15	Corinthian	Rapid City	N. F. Basler	Arthur Dennis	Tuesday on or before full moon
19	Brandon	Brandon	J. W. Broatch	W. C. Shucker	Second Tuesday
24	Neepawa	Neepawa	Walter L. Adams	Jas. McIntosh	Second Tuesday
25	Ionic	Winnipeg	D. S. Oliphant	M. Cobban	First Monday
27	Glenwood	Souris	J. B. Mitchell, Jr.	A. W. Patrick	Fourth Friday
29	Carberry	Carberry	G. H. Froom	B. W. Caldwell	Tuesday on or before full moon
30	Manitou	Manitou	R. L. Jelly	J. A. F. Hill	First Tuesday
36	Doric	Boissevain	R. Scurliff	B. Grant	Fourth Tuesday
39	Birtle	Birtle	Alex. Clark	F. C. Barber	Tuesday on or before full moon
40	Deloraine	Deloraine	W. G. Ballard	Wm. Brown	First Wednesday
43	Lebanon	Virlet	W. H. Anderson	W. L. Cann	Tuesday on or before full moon
44	Oak Lake	Oak Lake	J. L. Baillie	R. F. Stevens	Thursday on or before full moon
48	Glenboro	Glenboro	F. M. Ferg	A. S. Hames	Second Monday
49	Temple	Macgregor	E. G. Elliott	H. I. Collins	Third Tuesday
50	Killarney	Killarney	G. M. Anderson	J. C. Bate	Third Monday
51	Treherne	Treherne	V. H. Hugo	H. A. Adair	Friday on or before full moon
52	Hartney	Hartney	G. F. Morrison	J. A. Callander	First Friday
54	Orontal	Melita	John Davison	H. L. Morrow	First Tuesday
55	East Star	Gretna	C. L. Hayward	G. G. McEdward	First Thursday
62	Russell	Russell	Alex. Calder	S. F. Hughes	Second Tuesday
63	Holland	Holland	Samuel Kliman	F. H. Dagg	Second Wednesday
64	Composite	Alexander	Stan. Dunn	D. A. Nichol	Thursday or before full moon
67	Wawanesa	Wawanesa	R. C. Rutledge	C. L. Atkinson	Monday on or before full moon

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No.	Name of Lodge	P.O. Address	Worshipful Master	Secretary	Time of Regular Meeting
68	Vermillion.....	Dauphin.....	H. D. Brewer.....	John H. Conner.....	First Tuesday
70	Shiloh.....	Roland.....	J. M. Hedley.....	C. H. Glover.....	Second Thursday
71	Crystal.....	Crystal City.....	J. M. Howatt.....	W. G. McNamee.....	Second Tuesday
74	Elkhorn.....	Elkhorn.....	S. E. Gibbs.....	H. J. Jones.....	Monday on or before full moon
75	Gothic.....	Austin.....	I. M. West.....	R. J. Wallace.....	Wednesday on or before full moon
77	Napinka.....	Napinka.....	J. S. Holland.....	T. A. Taylor.....	First Thursday
82	Cypress.....	Cypress River.....	J. L. Christie.....	R. I. Connon.....	First Thursday
84	Hamota.....	Hamota.....	Geo. Bull.....	L. S. Taylor.....	Fourth Tuesday
86	Elgin.....	Elgin.....	L. A. Maguire.....	E. J. Smilie.....	Second Tuesday
87	Rathwell.....	Rathwell.....	Wm. G. Wilson.....	J. A. Draper.....	Tuesday on or before full moon
89	Midlothian.....	Miami.....	A. Duncan.....	W. J. Devins.....	Third Monday
90	Shoal Lake.....	Shoal Lake.....	D. J. Lawson.....	C. H. Bayfield.....	Second Wednesday
92	King Edward.....	Winnipeg.....	J. J. Bannerman.....	S. A. Restall.....	Third Wednesday
93	Hiram.....	Grandview.....	W. J. Swain.....	J. E. Johnson.....	Third Thursday
94	Robbie Burns.....	Gilbert Plains.....	J. H. C. Allen.....	M. D. Snyder.....	Second Wednesday
100	Binscarth.....	Binscarth.....	Geo. Fowler.....	M. E. Clegg.....	Fourth Tuesday
101	Minota.....	Minota.....	T. L. Jasper.....	Robert Peel.....	Thursday
102	Crescent.....	Elm Creek.....	R. H. Wood.....	H. R. Bewes.....	Wednesday on or before full moon
103	Reston.....	Reston.....	J. Outhill.....	A. K. Cates.....	Second Thursday
104	Prince Arthur.....	Swan River.....	D. G. Williamson.....	J. Livesey.....	First Thursday
105	Strathclair.....	Strathclair.....	H. T. Morton.....	H. W. Clark.....	Tuesday on or before full moon
106	Griswold.....	Griswold.....	J. C. Williamson.....	J. G. McMillan.....	Wednesday on or before full moon
107	Lansdowne.....	Brookdale.....	T. B. Craig.....	A. L. Curtis.....	First Thursday
108	Union.....	Swan Lake.....	Fred Hedley.....	G. O. Couch.....	Wednesday on or before full moon.
109	Swan Lake.....	Minto.....	J. C. White.....	J. B. Francis.....	Second Monday
110	Kilwinning.....	Winnipeg.....	C. C. J. Sanderson.....	Wm. Dewar.....	Second Wednesday
111	Acacia.....	Beauséjour.....	J. Longbottom.....	Wm. Craik.....	First Friday
112	Ophir.....	Brandon.....	H. M. Gibson.....	Wm. Fenwick.....	Third Tuesday
113	"The Assiniboine".....	Winnipeg.....	J. F. T. Young.....	O. E. MacQuoid.....	First Tuesday
114	Rivers.....	Rivers.....	B. J. D. Ellis.....	R. G. Sinclair.....	Last Monday
115	St. Andrew's.....	Wellwood.....	A. G. Lord.....	G. W. Wells.....	Monday on or after full moon
116	Strathcona.....	Belmont.....	A. M. Reid.....	H. E. Hopkins.....	Thursday on or before full moon
117	Mound.....	Pilot Mound.....	H. Johnson.....	R. E. Hicks.....	Tuesday on or before full moon
118	Norwood.....	Norwood.....	J. H. Gibson.....	N. McDonald.....	Second Thursday
119	Penza.....	Domination City.....	Len. Andrews.....	A. G. Froom.....	Fourth Tuesday

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No.	Name of Lodge	P.O. Address	Worshipful Master	Secretary	Time of Regular Meeting
121	St. James.....	St. James.....	J. F. Holmes.....	J. C. McCallum.....	Second Wednesday
122	Roblin.....	Roblin.....	Geo. Kalso.....	D. F. McWhirter.....	Second Monday
123	Transcona.....	Transcona.....	J. Taggart.....	F. G. Turner.....	First Friday
124	The Pas.....	The Pas.....	W. Horster.....	G. A. Williams.....	First Wednesday
125	Patricia.....	Sperling.....	Geo. Wallace.....	J. H. MacLean.....	First Wednesday
126	Favel.....	Minitonas.....	G. H. Holmes.....	R. R. Johnstone.....	First Tuesday
127	Empire.....	Weston.....	Jas. Wardrope.....	E. Thompson.....	Second Monday
128	Victory.....	Benito.....	C. F. Dräger.....	J. W. Herd.....	First Wednesday
129	Shellmouth.....	Shellmouth.....	E. R. Ridgway.....	F. G. Hilbert.....	First Thursday
130	Fort Garry.....	Winnipeg.....	E. R. Siddall.....	W. D. G. Runions.....	Second Wednesday
131	Kildonan.....	Winnipeg.....	E. B. Brown.....	C. M. Smilie.....	Second Tuesday
132	Sprague.....	Sprague.....	W. C. Watson.....	Thos. McCarthy.....	Second Wednesday
133	McCreary.....	McCreary.....	L. P. Baker.....	T. E. Squire.....	Second Thursday
134	Stony Mountain.....	Stony Mountain.....	C. A. Reed.....	T. Clayton.....	First Wednesday
136	Capitol.....	Winnipeg.....	W. J. Law.....	George Newman.....	First Friday
137	Lord Selkirk.....	Winnipeg.....	W. A. Sime.....	G. R. Mackay.....	Second Wednesday
138	Windsor.....	St. Vital.....	J. L. Strachan.....	H. B. Donnelly.....	Second Monday
139	Beaver.....	Winnipeg.....	R. C. Ham.....	S. W. Robertson.....	Second Thursday
140	Meridian.....	Winnipeg.....	D. MacKay.....	E. H. Crawford.....	Third Thursday
141	Tuscan.....	Winnipeg.....	R. J. Clark.....	A. R. Simpson.....	Second Friday
142	Harmony.....	Cardale.....	W. H. Morcom.....	S. W. Smith.....	Third Thursday
143	Mt. Sinai.....	Winnipeg.....	J. S. Perlman.....	J. Fred.....	Fourth Thursday
144	Fort Osborne.....	Winnipeg.....	E. D. Chable.....	T. J. Booth.....	First Tuesday
145	Sturgeon Creek.....	Sturgeon Creek.....	W. H. Batchelor.....	D. A. Best.....	First Monday
146	Fidelity.....	Winnipeg.....	D. Burnside.....	A. Sandilands.....	Third Friday
147	Jubilee.....	Bowman.....	R. W. Dalton.....	Henry Stevens.....	Second Thursday
148	Seven Oaks.....	Winnipeg.....	G. M. Mc Bain.....	A. C. Pritchard.....	Second Friday
150	Cartwright.....	Cartwright.....	H. L. Richards.....	J. M. Askew.....	Thursday on or before full moon
151	The Dorner.....	Winnipeg.....	D. F. S. Reid.....	J. Buchan.....	First Tuesday
152	Foxwarren.....	Foxwarren.....	J. R. McMillan.....	V. G. Hilcox.....	First Wednesday
153	Flin Flon.....	Flin Flon.....	Ray S. Jones.....	C. C. Setterington.....	First Tuesday
154	Pine Falls.....	Pine Falls.....	Geo. Dawson.....	Wm. Bird.....	Second Friday
155	Carman.....	Carman.....	W. M. Duncan.....	F. W. Evans.....	Third Tuesday
156	Manitouwapa.....	Moosehorn.....	W. J. Paulson.....	H. W. Rutherford.....	Third Wednesday
			W. C. Shuker.....	(Eriksdale)	

TABULAR STATEMENT OF SUBORDINATE LODGES, 31st DECEMBER, 1940

No.	NAME OF LODGE	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Re-instated	Demitted	Sus-pended N.P.D.	Sus-pended U.M.C.	Died	Member-ship Dec. 31, 1939	Member-ship Dec. 31, 1940
1	Prince Rupert's .	3	3	3	1	1	1	6	....	9	436	425
2	Lisgar.....	3	3	4	2	1	....	12	....	1	131	124
3	Ancient Landmark	3	5	5	....	1	3	7	....	4	377	367
4	St. John's.....	3	3	3	....	2	2	7	....	13	601	584
6	Emerson.....	1	1	1	1	....	....	....	....	2	60	60
7	Assiniboine.....	1	....	....	3	1	2	3	....	6	184	178
8	King Solomon.....	....	....	....	2	1	2	1	....	3	63	60
10	Northern Light...	....	1	1	2	1	1	3	....	8	279	270
11	Gladstone.....	....	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	2	72	72
12	Stonewall.....	....	....	....	1	2	2	3	....	3	93	88
13	Belmont.....	1	1	....	....	....	....	2	....	....	75	74
14	Prince of Wales..	1	1	....	1	....	....	....	....	2	95	95
15	Corinthian.....	1	1	1	....	....	....	8	....	....	58	51
19	Brandon.....	2	1	1	1	1	4	4	....	8	200	188
24	Neepawa.....	1	1	1	1	....	3	1	....	2	137	133
25	Ionic.....	6	2	2	1	3	2	5	....	13	522	512
27	Glenwood.....	3	1	1	1	....	1	2	....	1	117	117
29	Carberry.....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	1	67	65
30	Manitou.....	....	....	....	3	1	1	2	....	....	48	49
36	Doric.....	5	....	....	1	1	2	....	....	4	85	86
39	Birtle.....	1	1	1	....	2	1	....	....	....	46	48
40	Deloraine.....	2	2	2	3	....	2	6	....	1	71	67
43	Lebanon.....	4	2	2	....	....	1	....	....	2	74	75
44	Oak Lake.....	2	2	2	1	....	4	2	....	2	33	28
48	Glenboro.....	6	6	5	....	....	....	....	....	2	44	48
49	Temple.....	3	3	3	....	....	1	....	....	2	74	74

TABULAR STATEMENT OF SUBORDINATE LODGES, 31st DECEMBER, 1940—Continued

No.	NAME OF LODGE	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Re-instituted	Demitted	Sus-pended N.P.D.	Sus-pended U.M.C.	Died	Member-ship Dec. 31, 1939	Member-ship Dec. 31, 1940
50	Killarney.....	...	...	...	1	2	3	1	...	1	64	62
51	Treherne.....	1	1	1	...	1	1	...	...	1	43	43
52	Hartney.....	...	...	1	1	2	2	2	...	2	81	78
54	Oriental.....	2	2	2	1	1	1	6	...	...	49	46
55	East Star.....	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	45	46
62	Russell.....	...	...	...	1	...	1	2	...	...	46	44
63	Holland.....	1	1	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	52	51
64	Composite.....	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	5	49	41
67	Wawanesa.....	...	...	...	...	...	1	4	...	...	42	37
68	Vermillion.....	4	4	4	3	4	4	...	...	4	153	156
70	Shiloh & Concord	1	1	1	...	...	...	2	...	1	71	69
71	Crystal.....	...	1	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	34	36
74	Elkhorn.....	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	38	38
75	Gothic.....	5	4	2	...	...	...	...	...	3	51	53
77	Napinka.....	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	51	51
82	Cypress.....	5	4	3	1	1	1	1	...	3	34	35
84	Hamiota.....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	51	50
86	Elgin.....	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	2	57	55
87	Rathwell.....	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	23	24
90	Midlothian.....	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	61	59
92	Shoal Lake.....	1	1	1	...	...	1	3	...	2	76	71
93	King Edward.....	2	2	2	3	1	3	13	...	7	345	322
94	Hiram.....	3	1	1	...	1	...	2	...	...	51	53
100	Robbie Burns.....	1	1	1	...	...	2	2	...	...	32	30
101	Binscarth.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	36	36
102	Miniota.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	60	58
103	Crescent.....	1	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	41	40

TABULAR STATEMENT OF SUBORDINATE LODGES, 31st DECEMBER, 1940—Continued

No.	NAME OF LODGE	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Re-instituted	Demitted	Sus-pended N.P.D.	Sus-pended U.M.C.	Died	Member-ship Dec. 31, 1939	Member-ship Dec. 31, 1940
130	Fort Garry.....	8	9	9	4	....	3	7	....	1	187	188
131	Kildonan.....	1	1	1	....	....	....	3	....	1	88	85
132	Sprague.....	....	....	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	29	27
133	McCreary.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	36	35
134	Stony Mountain..	....	....	....	2	1	1	2	....	1	57	56
136	Capitol.....	2	2	2	2	....	1	5	....	3	168	163
137	Lord Selkirk.....	2	2	2	3	....	3	2	....	....	104	104
138	Windsor.....	1	....	....	2	....	2	3	....	2	130	126
139	Beaver.....	4	4	4	3	4	2	7	....	....	197	199
140	Meridian.....	6	6	6	2	2	3	....	....	4	242	245
141	Tuscan.....	3	2	2	....	1	1	....	....	1	68	70
142	Harmony.....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	19	20
143	Mt. Sinai.....	2	2	2	1	1	1	3	....	1	199	198
144	Fort Osborne.....	11	7	7	....	....	....	1	....	....	103	113
145	Sturgeon Creek..	3	3	4	1	....	....	....	....	....	78	82
146	Fidelity.....	5	....	....	3	....	6	....	....	1	109	110
147	Jubilee.....	1	2	2	....	....	1	....	....	....	42	42
148	Seven Oaks.....	5	4	4	....	1	1	1	....	1	84	87
150	Cartwright.....	1	1	1	....	....	....	....	....	1	32	32
151	The Dormer.....	....	....	....	1	....	....	1	....	6	47	41
152	Foxwarren.....	1	1	1	....	....	1	....	....	....	31	31
153	Flin Flon.....	4	5	3	1	2	2	4	....	....	87	88
154	Pine Falls.....	....	....	1	....	....	....	1	....	1	43	41
155	Carman.....	2	2	1	3	....	....	1	....	....	41	45
156	Manitouwapa ...	7	6	4	3	....	2	....	....	....	33	41
Grand Totals...		202	178	170	91	57	135	202	....	174	10278	10113

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT, FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1940

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non-Resident Mem- bers	Resi- dent Mem- bers	Aver. Atten. of Mem- bers	No. of Mem. in arrears	Total of all Arrear- ages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Con- dition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
103	Crescent.....	9	..	9	18	22	12	17	135.00	Nil	415.18	Nil	589.06	300.00	Active	1	Rent
82	Cypress.....	8	..	8	20	14	9	24	200.00	Nil	42.15	92.05	250.10	100.00	Active	1	Rent
48	Glenboro.....	10	2	12	17	31	17	18	182.00	35.20	247.67	128.29	119.38	375.00	Active	1	Rent
63	Holland.....	10	1	11	16	35	20	17	196.00	Nil	283.96	Nil	346.85	300.00	Active	1	Rent
87	Rathwell.....	11	1	12	4	20	12	6	34.00	Nil	71.68	Nil	300.00	300.00	Active	1	Rent
117	Strathcona.....	12	2	14	25	32	12	14	170.00	Nil	214.79	Nil	1014.79	500.00	Active	1	Rent
109	Swan Lake.....	5	..	5	9	11	7	8	96.00	Nil	94.28	Nil	94.28	200.00	Active	1	Rent
51	Treherne.....	10	1	11	12	31	16	11	103.00	Nil	46.78	903.25	1199.75	2000.00	Active	1	Own
67	Wawanesa.....	7	1	8	15	22	12	13	206.00	Nil	55.45	Nil	55.45	250.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT, FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1940

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non-Resident Mem- bers	Resi- dent Mem- bers	Aver. Atten. of Mem- bers	No. of Mem. in arrears	Total of all Arrear- ages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Con- dition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
13	Belmont.....	10	..	10	38	36	21	17	122.00	10.00	67.75	Nil	720.00	500.00	Active	1	Rent
30	Manitou.....	11	..	11	15	34	12	12	71.30	35.82	384.17	Nil	2839.20	350.00	Active	1	Own
36	Doric.....	11	1	12	16	70	30	25	133.00	40.70	491.51	Nil	624.51	2500.00	Active	1	Rent
50	Killarney.....	10	2	12	16	46	13	16	80.00	Nil	1051.31	Nil	1051.39	250.00	Active	1	Rent
71	Crystal.....	10	..	10	10	26	13	10	67.00	Nil	48.35	Nil	165.00	Nil	Active	1	Rent
118	Mound.....	9	..	9	14	34	12	7	53.00	Nil	406.19	Nil	559.19	100.00	Active	1	Rent
150	Cartwright.....	10	..	10	9	23	14	10	75.00	10.00	103.59	25.00	353.59	200.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT, FOR THE YEAR ENDING 51st DECEMBER, 1940

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held		Non-Resident Mem- bers	Resi- dent Mem- bers	Aver. of 12 Mem- bers	No. of Mem. mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrear- ages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Con- dition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.													
14	Prince of Wales...	10	3	29	66	21	32	416.00	Nil	262.15	1210.95	6467.20	6000.00	Active	1	Own
15	Corinthian...	10	1	5	46	19	12	106.00	Nil	103.31	Nil	2428.31	1800.00	Active	1	Own
39	Birle...	11	11	19	29	19	10	80.00	21.25	226.15	Nil	2861.05	1500.00	Dorm	1	Own
62	Russell...	10	10	18	25	12	13	138.00	17.21	146.98	48.00	1346.98	1200.00	Active	1	Rent
84	Hamiota...	8	2	10	40	11	8	112.00	50.25	177.73	47.16	330.57	200.00	Dorm	1	Rent
92	Shoal Lake...	10	1	31	40	18	19	121.00	Nil	172.17	50.24	1149.49	500.00	Active	1	Rent
101	Binscarth...	11	11	14	22	9	20	681.00	Nil	32.86	Nil	532.86	500.00	Active	1	Rent
102	Miniota...	11	3	25	33	18	13	75.00	10.00	285.72	Nil	2473.47	1800.00	Active	1	Own
106	Strathclair...	12	1	13	27	12	13	184.00	12.00	88.83	67.93	1222.83	700.00	Active	1	Own
115	Rivers...	10	10	21	22	13	15	185.00	15.00	796.81	Nil	796.81	200.00	Active	1	Rent
129	Shellmouth...	10	10	9	12	7	3	33.00	Nil	33.58	450.00	1550.00	1250.00	Dorm	1	Own
142	Harmony...	5	5	5	14	11	3	15.00	Nil	118.46	Nil	213.46	500.00	Dorm	1	Rent
152	Foxwarren...	11	1	7	24	14	12	76.40	Nil	49.05	Nil	1800.00	1300.00	Active	1	Own

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT, FOR YEAR ENDING 51st DECEMBER, 1940

No. of Lodge	NAME	Reg.	Emer.	Non-Resident Mem- bers	Resi- dent Mem- bers	Aver. of 12 Mem- bers	No. of Mem. mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrear- ages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Con- dition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
27	Glenwood...	10	1	49	69	30	..	634.00	15.00	480.65	Nil	480.65	1500.00	Active	1	Rent
40	Deloraine...	11	12	22	45	20	21	168.00	6.08	235.86	Nil	2479.86	375.00	Active	1	Rent
52	Hartney...	9	2	28	49	31	39	300.00	88.00	14.64	48.15	1415.95	800.00	Active	1	Rent
54	Oriental...	12	1	8	38	18	..	120.00	25.00	136.86	83.57	963.29	600.00	Active	1	Rent
77	Napinka...	9	9	23	28	50%	..	140.00	Nil	84.72	51.75	242.97	100.00	Active	1	Rent
86	Eglin...	10	2	13	42	19	19	140.00	98.25	422.57	Nil	242.57	Nil	Active	1	Rent
104	Reston...	13	1	22	79	50%	..	215.00	35.38	182.45	104.30	7280.61	4500.00	Active	1	Own
110	Kilwinning...	11	1	19	26	10	..	91.90	48.00	484.92	66.43	984.99	300.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT, FOR THE YEAR ENDING
31st DECEMBER, 1940

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non- Resi- dent Mem- bers	Resi- dent Mem- bers	Aver. Atten. of Mem- bers	No. of Mem. in arrears	Total of all Arrear- ages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Con- dition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
113	Tweed	10	3	13	70	173	44	73	438.00	85.52	997.63	209.00	16250.63	Nil	Active	1	Rent
19	Brandon	10	7	17	72	116	33	..	Nil	42.20	1187.78	2521.19	7098.96	200.00	Active	1	Rent
64	Composite	10	5	15	21	20	15	..	193.00	Nil	176.55	Nil	1444.55	1000.00	Active	1	Own
107	Lansdowne	11	..	11	7	35	15	10	95.00	Nil	41.82	Nil	225.00	225.00	Active	1	Rent
44	Oak Lake	10	..	10	6	22	14	5	60.00	31.15	128.50	Nil	1600.00	1300.00	Active	1	Own
43	Lebanon	10	2	12	35	40	20	22	230.00	107.47	288.68	99.75	443.45	300.00	Active	1	Rent
74	Elkhorn	10	1	11	22	16	12	9	76.00	Nil	81.78	2889.00	591.00	2500.00	Active	1	Own

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT, FOR YEAR ENDING
31st DECEMBER, 1940

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non- Resi- dent Mem- bers	Resi- dent Mem- bers	Aver. Atten. of Mem- bers	No. of Mem. in arrears	Total of all Arrear- ages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Con- dition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
6	Emerson	12	..	12	29	31	20	20	205.00	37.00	217.34	Nil	4500.00	2700.00	Active	1	Own
8	King Solomon	10	2	12	26	34	20	10	112.00	10.00	75.00	120.00	2380.00	2500.00	Active	1	Own
55	East Star	8	1	9	32	14	16	21	176.00	Nil	411.20	72.25	914.95	400.00	Active	1	Rent
70	Shiloh	10	1	11	19	50	22	26	229.50	43.35	407.28	32.50	1282.78	250.00	Active	1	Rent
90	Midlothian	9	..	9	16	43	12	9	50.00	Nil	225.52	178.06	1097.46	150.00	Active	1	Rent
120	Penza	10	..	10	7	26	11	9	125.00	Nil	93.58	Nil	2500.00	1500.00	Active	1	Own
125	Patricia	9	..	9	8	17	12	1	8.00	10.00	54.02	45.00	568.37	300.00	Active	1	Rent
155	Carman	10	..	10	7	38	18	7	48.00	Nil	.92	47.80	541.12	500.00	Active	1	Own

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT, FOR THE YEAR ENDING 51st DECEMBER, 1940

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held		Non- Resi- dent Mem- bers	Resi- dent Mem- bers	Aver. Atten. of Mem- bers	No. of Mem- bers in arrears	Total of all Arrear- ages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Con- dition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.													
68	Vermillion.....	10	3	58	98	36	49	482.00	80.32	186.44	Nil	5460.74	2000.00	Active	1	Rent
94	Hiram.....	12	2	19	34	17	14	92.00	Nil	158.97	65.50	2437.47	1750.00	Active	1	Rent
100	Robbie Burns....	9	1	11	17	14	14	72.00	6.00	154.74	Nil	654.74	200.00	Active	1	Rent
105	Prince Arthur....	12	2	22	26	20	14	40.00	Nil	147.36	27.00	616.30	Nil	Active	1	Rent
122	Robin.....	12	1	7	26	17	7	70.00	3.60	2.06	49.71	650.29	750.00	Active	1	Own
126	Favel.....	10	2	9	27	13	11	117.00	Nil	51.35	1000.00	500.00	1500.00	Active	1	Own
128	Victory.....	8	3	15	22	11	14	126.00	NP	23.27	39.00	385.00	300.00	Active	1	Rent
147	Jubilee.....	9	1	15	27	16	19	132.00	Nil	66.75	Nil	200.00	100.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT, FOR YEAR ENDING 51st DECEMBER, 1940

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held		Non- Resi- dent Mem- bers	Resi- dent Mem- bers	Aver. Atten. of Mem- bers	No. of Mem- bers in arrears	Total of all Arrear- ages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Con- dition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.													
2	Lisgar.....	10	2	64	60	20	38	376.00	10.00	10.49	3674.00	3212.49	5000.00	Active	1	Own
12	Stonewall.....	12	3	28	60	26	20	115.00	33.00	11.95	150.00	2200.00	1600.00	Active	1	Own
112	Ophir.....	12	..	4	57	15	17	168.00	16.50	87.54	600.00	2600.00	2500.00	Active	1	Own
123	Transcona.....	9	4	13	102	37	45	726.50	84.00	571.69	751.62	1281.00	500.00	Active	1	Rent
131	Kildonan.....	9	2	11	75	36	33	437.50	115.75	1264.91	89.81	4584.60	4500.00	Active	1	Own
134	Stony Mountain..	11	3	14	38	13	23	192.00	16.00	134.47	Nil	2786.42	1400.00	Active	1	Own
148	Seven Oaks.....	9	..	10	77	40	26	193.00	66.30	294.20	9.00	4891.10	800.00	Active	1	Rent
151	The Dornier.....	9	5	1	40	24	7	70.00	21.31	47.99	97.68	1507.31	500.00	Active	1	Rent
154	Pine Falls.....	10	1	11	39	13	15	82.00	40.00	312.21	43.81	1302.52	400.00	Active	1	Rent
156	Manitouwapa ...	10	6	2	39	..	1	10.00	195.84	227.27	Nil	393.00	500.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT, FOR YEAR ENDING
51st DECEMBER, 1940

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non Resident Mem- bers	Resi- dent Mem- bers	Aver. Atten. of Mem- bers	No. of Mem- bers in arrears	Total of all Arrear- ages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Con- dition of Lodge Act. or Dorn.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
130	Fort Garry.....	9	6	15	22	165	57	57	569.00	71.00	539.57	Nil	3486.37	2000.00	Active	1	Rent
136	Capitol.....	9	..	9	29	134	58	44	445.00	565.00	669.58	Nil	1669.58	1000.00	Active	1	Rent
137	Lord Selkirk.....	9	..	9	20	84	51	32	374.00	50.19	278.74	221.00	3144.03	250.00	Active	1	Rent
138	Windsor.....	9	1	10	16	110	50	33	403.00	61.00	337.27	2536.67	14531.29	6500.00	Active	1	Own
139	Beaver.....	9	1	10	48	151	58	78	711.27	100.00	967.10	27.50	4479.70	1000.00	Active	1	Rent
140	Meridian.....	9	1	10	28	245	86	79	655.00	158.37	385.00	180.00	8893.42	2000.00	Active	1	Rent
141	Tuscan.....	9	..	9	13	57	22	22	286.50	190.00	746.96	65.00	681.96	500.00	Fair	1	Rent
143	Mount Sinai.....	9	..	9	27	171	67	82	1322.00	75.00	536.10	431.53	4427.57	Nil	Active	1	Rent
144	Fort Osborne.....	9	2	11	21	92	32	35	377.20	122.75	211.57	72.50	3379.82	500.00	Active	1	Rent
145	Sturgeon Creek....	10	..	10	14	68	35	10	146.00	40.30	635.35	Nil	2178.68	400.00	Active	1	Rent
146	Fidelity.....	9	..	9	4	106	38	24	280.00	125.30	370.90	51.16	3176.70	Nil	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE THREE LODGES UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF GRAND MASTER
MASONIC DISTRICT, FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1940

124	The Pas.....	12	2	14	33	54	..	15	245.50	20.25	193.57	9127.35	3385.53	6000.00	Active	1	Own
132	Sprague	9	..	9	16	11	..	11	141.05	Nil	60.88	Nil	500.00	500.00	Neither Just Fair	1	Rent
153	Flin Flon.....	10	8	18	22	66	..	15	130.00	Nil	263.63	1828.87	6670.26	5000.00	Active	1	Own

LIST OF GRAND LODGES WITH THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES

Grand Lodge	Grand Secretary	Address
Alabama.....	Guy T. Smith.....	Montgomery
Alberta.....	J. H. W. S. Kemmis.....	Calgary
Alpina.....	F. Muller-Ruegg.....	Berne, Switzerland
Arizona.....	Harry A. Drachman.....	Tucson
Arkansas.....	W. A. Thomas.....	Little Rock
British Columbia.....	Frank S. McKee.....	Vancouver
California.....	Leon O. Whitsell.....	San Francisco
Canada (in Ontario).....	Ewart G. Dixon.....	Hamilton P.O. Drawer 217
Chili.....	Rod Castro Oliveria.....	Santiago
Colombia.....	Jose G. Fabre.....	{ Bogota-Apartado, 2519
	Carlos S. Hernandez (Ext.).....	
Colorado.....	Charles A. Patton.....	Denver
Connecticut.....	Winthrop Buck.....	Hartford
Costa Rica.....	Rafael Obregon Loria.....	San Jose-Apt. "Y"
Cuba.....	Dr. Constantino Pais.....	Havana, Apartado, 72
Czechoslovakia, N.G.L.....		
Delaware.....	Chester R. Jones.....	Wilmington, 818 Market St.
Denmark.....	A. T. K. Troedsson.....	Copenhagen, 23 Blegdamsvej
District of Columbia.....	J. Claude Kieper.....	Washington, D.C.
Ecuador.....	Jose A. Vallejo Ycaza.....	Guayaquil
England.....	Sydney A. White.....	London
Egypt.....	Mohamed Bey Rifatt.....	Cairo, Box 148
Florida.....	Geo. W. Huff.....	Jacksonville
France, G. L.....	Maurice Lhomme.....	Paris, 8 Rue Puteaux
France, N.G.L.....	G. H. Hargreaves.....	Paris, 42 Rue de Rochechouart
Guatemala.....	Pedro Donis O.....	Guatemala City
Georgia.....	Daniel W. Locklin.....	Macon
Honduras, C.A.....	Constantino S. Ramos.....	Honduras, C.A.
Idaho.....	Clyde I. Rush.....	Boise, P.O. Box 1667
Illinois.....	R. C. Davenport.....	Harrisburg
Indiana.....	William H. Swintz.....	Indianapolis
Iowa.....	Charles C. Hunt.....	Cedar Rapids
Ireland.....	Henry C. Shellard.....	Dublin
Kansas.....	Elmer F. Strain.....	Topeka
Kentucky.....	Al. E. Orton.....	Louisville, 200 Shubert Bldg.
Lessing Zu Den Drei Ringen.....		
Louisiana.....	D. Peter Laguens, Jr.....	New Orleans
Maine.....	Convers E. Leach.....	Portland
Manitoba.....	J. H. G. Russell.....	Winnipeg
Maryland.....	Claud Shaffer.....	Baltimore
Massachusetts.....	Frank H. Hilton.....	Boston
Mexico, York G.L.....	Fred T. Berger.....	Mexico City, D.F. Apartado, 1986
Michigan.....	F. Homer Newton.....	Grand Rapids
Minnesota.....	John H. Anderson.....	St. Paul
Mississippi.....	Sid. F. Curtis.....	Meridian
Missouri.....	Arthur Mather.....	St. Louis, 3681 Lindell Blvd.
Montana.....	Luther T. Hauberg.....	Helena
Nebraska.....	Lewis E. Smith.....	Omaha
Netherlands.....	A. F. L. Faubel.....	The Hague
Nevada.....	E. C. Peterson.....	Carson City
New Brunswick.....	R. D. Magee.....	Saint John, N.B. P.O. Box 1430
New Hampshire.....	J. Melvin Dresser.....	Concord

LIST OF GRAND LODGES WITH THE NAMES AND ADDRESS
OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES—Continued

Grand Lodge	Grand Secretary	Address
New Jersey.....	Isaac Cherry.....	Trenton
New Mexico.....	Alpheus A. Keen.....	Albuquerque
New South Wales.....	Jas. S. Miller.....	Sydney
New York.....	Charles H. Johnson.....	New York
New Zealand.....	H. A. Lamb.....	Auckland, P.O. Box 56
North Carolina.....	John H. Anderson.....	Raleigh
North Dakota.....	Walter L. Stockwell.....	Fargo
Northern China, D.G.L.....	E. Philip Higgs.....	Shanghai, P.O. Box 417
Norway.....	Col. J. P. Graff-Wang.....	N. Voldgate 19, Oslo
Nova Scotia.....	James C. Jones.....	Halifax
Ohio.....	Harry S. Johnson.....	Cincinnati
Oklahoma.....	Claude A. Sturgeon.....	Guthrie
Oregon.....	D. R. Cheney.....	Portland
Panama.....	Andres Mojica.....	Panama, Apartado, 84
Paraiba.....	Augusto de Almeida Simoes	Paraiba, Brazil, P.O. Box 3
Pennsylvania.....	Matthew Galt, Jr.....	Philadelphia
Philippine Islands.....	Antonio Gonzalez.....	Manilla P.O. Box 990
Porto Rico.....	Rodolfo Ramirez Pabon...	San Juan
Prince Edward Island.....	L. A. McDougall.....	Charlottetown
Quebec.....	W. W. Williamson.....	Montreal
Queensland.....	Leslie P. Marks.....	Brisbane, Box 675K. G.P.O.
Rhode Island.....	H. L. McAuslan.....	Providence
Rio de Janeiro.....	Dr. Daniel Corea Trindada	Rio de Janeiro Box 2215
Santa Domingo.....	Jose Marie Perez Andujar...	Santa Domingo
Saskatchewan.....	Robert A. Tate.....	Regina
Sao Paulo.....	Elisarie Pinto Lima.....	Sao Paulo, Brazil
Scotland.....	L. Melrose (Acting).....	Edinburgh
South Africa.....	F. L. Knight.....	Cape Town
South Australia.....	R. Owen Fox.....	Adelaide
South Carolina.....	O. Frank Hart.....	Columbia
South Dakota.....	E. F. Strain.....	Sioux Falls
Tasmania.....	W. H. Strutt.....	Hobart
Tennessee.....	Thomas E. Doss.....	Nashville, P.O. Box 216
Texas.....	George H. Belew.....	Waco
Utah.....	S. H. Goodwin.....	Salt Lake City
Vermont.....		
Victoria.....	William Stewart.....	Melbourne
Vienna.....		
Virginia.....	James F. Clift.....	Richmond
Washington.....	Horace W. Tyler.....	Tacoma
West Virginia.....	I. Wade Coffman.....	Charleston
Western Australia.....	A. E. Jensen.....	Perth
Wisconsin.....	William F. Weiler.....	Milwaukee
Wyoming.....	J. M. Lowndes.....	Casper

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES

Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	Date
Alabama	Chas. H. Stubinger . .	Birmingham	Mar. 10, 1937
Alberta	Samuel Harris	High Prairie	Jan. 2, 1941
Alpina	John Stucke	Bergstrasse 88 (Zurich-7)	Jan. 5, 1939
Arizona	Rev. Robt. S. Calder .	Phoenix	Jan. 31, 1940
Arkansas	John H. Pinson	El-Dorado	Mar. 27, 1925
British Columbia	Donald Adams	Revelstoke	Oct. 13, 1930
Canada (in Ontario)	Frederick Cook	Ottawa	Nov. 19, 1915
Chili	Artouro de la Cruz . .	Santiago	Oct. 14, 1929
Colombia	Francis H. Grob	Bogota	Jan. 5, 1939
Colorado	Ira C. Foster	Montrose	Feb. 24, 1940
Connecticut	Willard A. Hunt	Forestville	April 22, 1939
Costa Rica	Iric C. Murray	San Jose	Aug. 1, 1921
Cuba, Island of	Thomas C. Sierria	Havana	June 6, 1923
Delaware	Louis S. Cain	Wilmington	Jan. 29, 1927
Denmark N.G.L.	C. E. Monrath-Oxholm .	Copenhagen	Aug. 7, 1931
District of Columbia	Needham C. Tumage . . .	Washington	July 20, 1908
Ecuador	Octavio Moran	Guayaquil	July 21, 1932
England	The Rt. Hon. Viscount de Vesci . . .	Monk Hopton, Bridgnorth	Nov. 25, 1939
Egypt	Alfred Seffer	Cairo	Dec. 8, 1925
Florida	Frank A. Brown	Miami	Apr. 2, 1940
France, G.L.	Louis Doignon	Paris	Nov. 29, 1926
France, N.G.L.	J. C. D. Scarlett	Paris	April 26, 1936
Guatemala	Carlos A. Gieseler	Guatemala	June 10, 1925
Georgia	John A. Bishop	Atlanta	Feb. 1, 1933
Honduras, C. A.	Jesus M. Lopez	Honduras	Dec. 1, 1931
Idaho	George M. Scott	Idaho Falls	Jan. 21, 1919
Illinois	G. Haven Stephens	Danville	Aug. 30, 1924
Indiana	George W. Schneider . . .	New Albany	April 17, 1903
Ireland	David Ferris	Newry	Nov. 1, 1921
Kansas	Harold B. Groff	Topeka	Sept. 18, 1936
Kentucky	John L. Vest	Walton	Aug. 15, 1927
Louisiana	Thomas Gessner	Hammond	May 10, 1940
Maine	Porter A. Roberts	Portland	July 20, 1937
Maryland	J. Fletcher Fairbank . . .	St. Michael's	April 15, 1935
Massachusetts	Edwin O. Childs	Newton	Nov. 5, 1936
Mexico, York G.L.	R. B. E. Turnbull	Mexico City	July 6, 1933
Michigan	Louis Anderson	Omena	June 1, 1932
Minnesota	Lloyd Peabody	St. Paul	Nov. 29, 1931
Mississippi	A. F. Copeland	Leland	April 19, 1932
Missouri	Harris C. Johnston	Boonville	Nov. 16, 1936
Montana	W. J. Johnston	Thompson Falls	July 8, 1937
Nebraska	John A. Van Anda	Freemont	May 18, 1938
Netherlands	K. G. Jorkveld	Utrecht	Feb. 2, 1939
Nevada	Sam. P. Kafoury	Reno	June 2, 1933
New Brunswick	Donald Munro	Woodstock	April 20, 1892
New Hampshire	Walter C. Chesley	Northwood	April 10, 1934
New Jersey	James F. Russell	Jersey City	April 1, 1923
New Mexico	Earl A. Turner	Las Vegas	July 8, 1937
New South Wales	E. E. Cupit	Sydney	Oct. 13, 1923
New York	Edwin W. Seager	Randolph	Feb. 2, 1939
New Zealand	Gilbert T. Bull	Gisborne	Oct. 15, 1909
North Carolina	J. L. Peacock	Tarboro	July 1935

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND LODGE OF
MANITOBA NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES—Continued

Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	Date
North Dakota	Paul B. Griffiths	Grand Forks	Jan. 5, 1939
Norway	Jans W. Berg	Oslo	Nov. 1, 1924
Nova Scotia	W. E. Thompson	Halifax	April 18, 1934
Ohio	William H. Maddox	Roseville	April 15, 1939
Oklahoma	Clyde Ray	Tulsa	Sept. 29, 1937
Oregon	Wilnot K. Royal	Portland	Dec. 4, 1933
Panama	Raymond L. Toledano	Panama	Dec. 1, 1926
Paraiba	Dr. Arlindo Correa	Paraiba, Brazil	July 10, 1939
Philippine Islands	Gonzalo T. Vales	Manila	Feb. 6, 1940
Puerto Rico	George W. Robert	San Juan	Oct. 1, 1917
Prince Edward Island	Donald Baker	Summerside	May 8, 1936
Quebec	W. R. Allen	Montreal	Jan. 14, 1918
Queensland	William K. McLuckie	Brisbane	June 1, 1923
Rhode Island	Harold L. McCauslan	Providence	April 16, 1928
Rio de Janeiro	Leon Benshat	Rio de Janeiro	Feb. 20, 1931
Sao Paulo	Carlos Reis Filho	Sao Paulo Brazil	Jan. 5, 1939
Saskatchewan			
Scotland	Rev. Hugh F. Reid	Chirnside	Jan. 8, 1930
South Australia	E. J. Copping	Adelaide	Aug. 1, 1930
South Carolina	William W. Gregory	Inman	May 15, 1934
South Dakota	W. D. Swain	Sioux Falls	Jan. 15, 1937
Tasmania	R. V. W. Green	Launceston	April 24, 1928
Tennessee	Ira Parker	Nashville	Mar. 1, 1932
Texas	J. W. Pender	Denton	Mar. 1, 1931
Utah	R. W. Macdonald	Park City	April 7, 1938
Vermont	Charles B. Adams	Waterbury	Feb. 5, 1923
Victoria	Edgar J. Carter	Melbourne	Sept. 10, 1934
Virginia	Lynwood P. Harrell	Roanoke	Aug. 15, 1927
Washington	A. E. Emerson	Ellensburg	Dec. 8, 1916
West Virginia	Charles B. Ahrens	Wheeling	Aug. 17, 1939
Western Australia	Arthur G. Stiles	Perth	Aug. 16, 1934
Wisconsin	Ray H. Watson	Milwaukee	May 1, 1939

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES NEAR THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA

Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	Date	
Alabama.....	Francis H. Dagg.....	Holland.....	Mar.	31, 1920
Alberta.....	Hugh M. Kerr.....	Brandon.....	Nov.	25, 1930
Alpina (Switzerland)...	W. C. Birt.....	Winnipeg.....	Oct.	22, 1930
Arizona.....	E. G. Hunt.....	Winnipeg.....	June	21, 1923
Arkansas.....	Jas. D. Harrower...	Wawanesa.....	Feb.	25, 1941
British Columbia.....	Rev. Chas. E. Somerset	Selkirk.....	June	10, 1924
Canada (in Ontario)...	W. D. Lawrence.....	Winnipeg.....	Sept.	13, 1940
Chili.....	N. J. Black.....	Winnipeg.....	May	13, 1920
Colorado.....	K. R. Kennedy.....	Winnipeg.....	Mar.	5, 1938
Connecticut.....	M. S. Donovan.....	Brandon.....	May	21, 1935
Costa Rica.....	R. McKenzie.....	Roland.....	May	30, 1923
Cuba.....	J. Morgan Davies...	Winnipeg.....	May	27, 1940
Czechoslovakia.....				
Delaware.....	John Coulter.....	Treherne.....	April	2, 1915
Denmark.....	Stanley H. Fahrni...	Gladstone.....	Oct.	17, 1930
District of Columbia...	A. H. Steventon.....	Winnipeg.....	May	18, 1932
Ecuador.....	C. Weichman.....	Treherne.....	June	1935
England.....	Hon. Justice Wm. J. Major	Winnipeg.....	June	12, 1935
Egypt.....	Edward T. Hardman..	Oak River.....	June	2, 1934
Florida.....	Hon. Robert Hawkins	Dauphin.....	Aug.	16, 1937
France, N.G.L.	Chas. H. Midwinter..	Winnipeg.....	Mar.	3, 1937
France, G.L.				
Guatemala.....	J. J. Sinclair.....	Winnipeg.....		
Georgia.....	J. H. G. Russell.....	Winnipeg.....	June	1, 1928
Honduras.....	A. G. Cowan.....	Winnipeg.....	Oct.	17, 1930
Idaho.....	Hector French.....	Stony Mountain...	June	1, 1928
Illinois.....	William R. Leslie....	Morden.....	June	21, 1931
Indiana.....	Sydney A. Wood.....	Winnipeg.....	May	16, 1940
Ireland.....	John T. Boyd.....	Winnipeg.....	Oct.	3, 1935
Kansas.....	Jabez Miller.....	Winnipeg.....	June	15, 1914
Kentucky.....	James L. Lawson.....	Winnipeg.....	June	24, 1927
Lessing Zu Den Drei Ringen.....				
Louisiana.....	Charles E. Cole....	Portage la Prairie..	Feb.	28, 1938
Maine.....	W. D. Harper.....	Emerson.....	Jan.	19, 1937
Maryland.....	Norman McDougall..	Emerson.....	April	29, 1930
Massachusetts.....	Rev. Geo. W. Findlay.	Winnipeg.....	May	1, 1929
Mexico, York G.L.	M. A. Nitikman.....	Winnipeg.....	May	23, 1940
Michigan.....	Dr. O. S. Ross.....	Virten.....	Mar.	1, 1941
Minnesota.....	Ben C. Parker.....	Winnipeg.....	Jan.	13, 1938
Mississippi.....	George N. Jackson...	Winnipeg.....	Mar.	30, 1902
Missouri.....	Maris H. Garton.....	Boissevain.....	Jan.	31, 1934
Montana.....	M. S. Watson.....	Deloraine.....	Feb.	26, 1941
Nebraska.....	Hugh Mackenzie....	Winnipeg.....	Nov.	15, 1935
Netherlands.....	A. L. Crossin.....	Winnipeg.....	July	9, 1921
Nevada.....	Thomas A. Argue....	Winnipeg.....	June	13, 1924
New Brunswick.....	Canon Geo. R. Calvert	Winnipeg.....	April	27, 1938
New Hampshire.....	George Hunter.....	Winnipeg.....	Dec.	6, 1926
New Jersey.....	Wm. G. Corbett.....	Stonewall.....	May	27, 1940
New Mexico.....	H. B. Donnelly.....	Winnipeg.....	July	1937
New South Wales.....	James Mackie.....	Winnipeg.....	June	10, 1921
New York.....	Rev. Geo. A. Woodside	Winnipeg.....	May	14, 1932
New Zealand.....	Samuel Burland.....	Winnipeg.....	Mar.	22, 1937
North Carolina.....	Robert Peel.....	Miniota.....	Sept.	4, 1941

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES NEAR THE GRAND LODGE OF
MANITOBA—Continued

Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	Date
North Dakota	J. Frank Dart	Winnipeg	Jan. 18, 1937
Norway	J. P. McKinnon	Macgregor	Oct. 24, 1920
Nova Scotia	David S. Woods	Winnipeg	Oct. 13, 1926
Ohio	Arthur E. Boyle	Winnipeg	June 10, 1924
Oklahoma	Harry M. Smith	Melita	Feb. 24, 1941
Oregon	J. James Henderson	Shoal Lake	June 20, 1924
Paraiba	Wm. L. Cann	Viriden	Aug. 1938
Philippine Islands	Rev. James S. Miller	Stony Mountain	May 15, 1921
Panama	Hon. I. B. Griffith	Binscarth	Oct. 23, 1926
Puerto Rico	George V. Henderson	Strathclair	July 5, 1941
Prince Edward Island	Thomas R. Falconer	Deloraine	May 7, 1931
Quebec	Harvey T. Waters	Winnipeg	May 17, 1940
Queensland	Eli E. Spencer	Morden	Jan. 19, 1934
Rhode Island	John R. Stalker	Shoal Lake	Aug. 15, 1928
Rio de Janeiro	William Cairns	Macgregor	Oct. 23, 1920
Santa Domingo	William G. Shaw	Elgin	May 30, 1932
Saskatchewan	Alex. Burgess	Winnipeg	Jan. 21, 1937
Scotland	William Douglas	Winnipeg	1936
South Australia	Daniel Hawe	Benito	Jan. 14, 1931
South Carolina	Chas. R. Sayer	Winnipeg	May 20, 1940
South Dakota	Thos. Stockdale	St. Vital	
Tasmania	John Parton	Winnipeg	1936
Tennessee	James S. MacEwing	Treherne	Oct. 15, 1913
Texas	H. G. Kilpatrick	Forrest	Feb. 14, 1941
Utah	Donald MacDonald	Ninette	May 24, 1941
Vermont	Dr. Frank K. Purdie	Griswold	May 13, 1932
Victoria	Andrew Manson	Shoal Lake	Feb. 2, 1922
Vienna			
Virginia	Harry Woods	Winnipeg	Aug. 7, 1935
Washington	George R. Mackay	Winnipeg	May 20, 1929
West Virginia	William Fenwick	Brandon	Dec. 29, 1898
Western Australia	John Watson	Beausejour	May 15, 1918
Wisconsin	Wm. J. Edwards	Winnipeg	May 20, 1940

MASONIC REVIEWS 1940-1941

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

HUGH M. KERR
Chairman

Your Committee on Correspondence herewith submits its Annual Review of the Proceedings of other Grand Lodges which have been received.

During the past year, Masonry has continued to feel the harsh heel of the dictator on the Continent of Europe. Countless news items have told the grim story of the destruction of Lodges and brutal treatment of members, whose only crime was that they were Masons. How far and in what direction the dictators will reach in days to come only the future can tell. Certain is the fate of Masonry when the dictator comes into power.

In the interest of all concerned, further recognition of Foreign Grand Lodges will probably be delayed till peace times return again.

England's membership has shown a substantial gain. The small Lodges which are encouraged there, and the disapproval of the so-called "higher" bodies by the Grand Lodge are said by Englishmen to be strong contributing factors in this growth.

Conditions in general throughout the Craft showed improvement—increased attendance; applications for the degrees likewise were more numerous, while losses were distinctly less. The loss for the year was so small compared to other years that one is led to believe that the time is near at hand when an actual increase will be the order.

So with continuing faith in the future of this Grand Lodge, your Committee respectfully submits its Review.

Fraternally submitted,

HUGH M. KERR,

Chairman.

ALABAMA, 1940—

The 120th Annual Communication was held in the City of Montgomery, on December 3rd, 1940. The Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form by M.W. Bro. Ency F. Yeilding, Grand Master. Seven Past Grand Masters were in attendance..

Manitoba's Representative Bro. Charles H. Stubinger was also present.

Seven Dispensations were issued to consolidate fourteen Lodges.

From the Grand Master's Recommendations we cull the following:

"BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grand Master shall appoint annually a Committee on Credentials of three members, whose duty it shall be to duly register the delegates and visitors to this Grand Lodge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no Grand Officer, Past Grand Officer, member of any Committee, District Lecturer, Delegate or Representative of any Lodge shall be registered by the Committee on Credentials until he shall file with the Committee a Certificate from the Secretary of his Lodge, under seal thereof, certifying that he is a member of that Lodge in good standing; and in the case of Delegate or Representative, further certifying that he is the duly elected and installed Worshipful Master, Senior Warden or Junior Warden, or proxy thereof:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no visitor shall be registered by the Committee on Credentials until he shall present to the Committee a membership card, or receipt, showing that his dues are paid for the current year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no one shall be admitted to this Grand Lodge until he shall have been duly registered by the Committee on Credentials.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee on Credentials shall make a true list of all those registered by them and file such list with the Grand Secretary for the records of this Grand Lodge."

There are 420 Lodges with a membership of 27,420 the summary also shows the number of "Ministers" to be 1,263.

No reviews.

ALBERTA, 1940—

The Thirty-fifth Annual Communication of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, was opened in the Central Masonic Temple, in the City of Edmonton, Province of Alberta, on Wednesday, June 12th, A.D. 1940, A.L. 5940, at the hour of 10:00 a.m.

M.W. Bro. George Moore, Grand Master presided.

Among the Distinguished Visitors were: M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson, and R.W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell, Grand Secretary, of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and M.W. Bro. J. W. Estey, P.G.M., and R.W. Bro. Robert A. Tate, Grand Secretary, of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan. These distinguished visitors were welcomed by the Grand Master, who stated that this was the first occasion that the Grand Lodge had been visited by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba at their Annual Communication since their formation, thirty-five years ago when the late M.W. Bro. W. G. Scott, then Grand Master of Manitoba, installed and invested the officers.

A resolution of loyalty to His Majesty the King was moved and carried enthusiastically by a standing vote and forwarded by cable through the proper channels to His Majesty.

The sum of Five Thousand Dollars was donated to the Minister of Finance for the Dominion of Canada towards the purchase of war supplies and a further sum of Twenty-five Hundred Dollars allocated to the United Grand Lodge of England towards the expense of their hospitals for the care of wounded soldiers.

The Volume of the Sacred Law of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations which had been passed on from the Grand Lodge of Manitoba was rededicated at the session.

In the address of the Grand Master it was noted that permission had been granted to a lodge to confer the third degree on a brother, who after obtaining his second degree had become blind.

A request for a special dispensation was received from a lodge to receive and act on the petition of an applicant who was not yet 21 years of age, but who was a sergeant in the army and would be leaving for overseas before he reached his majority. A very careful inquiry was made and in view of the special circumstances and high regard in which the applicant was held, I granted the necessary permission.

INTERESTING AND HISTORIC EVENT

The brethren will remember that last year the Grand Master by special dispensation granted Ivanhoe Lodge No. 142 permission to hold a special meeting well within the Arctic Circle, to initiate Bro. E. J. Walli, who was manager of the Eldorado Gold Mines. In due course the meeting was held and his initiation carried out. Later Bro. Walli journeyed to Edmonton where he received his Fellowcraft degree. Now time and circumstances have removed Bro. Walli to British East Africa, where it is expected he will receive his Master Mason degree in the near future. Up to date Bro. Walli's Masonic career appears to be unique in Masonic history.

Recently I was advised by W. Bro. Chas. E. Garnett, who was the Acting Worshipful Master at Bro. Walli's initiation, that it is his desire and those associated with him, including the famous aviator, Bro. "Wop" May, to again visit this Masonically historic spot in the far north and erect a concrete cairn on which will be placed a bronze plaque, setting forth the particulars of the first regular Masonic meeting held by a chartered lodge north of the Arctic Circle.

This would appear to be a fitting sequel to an interesting and historic event.

CLOSING OF G.M. ADDRESS

Nevertheless, Masons must not live on the traditions of a glorious past. If our ancient brethren built up and handed on to us a great Order, it is ours to maintain and strive to fit to present day requirements, and in this every man must do his part. Let us not forget that our generation is the one that God has chosen to deal with present day problems and if that is the case, let us

strive manfully to overcome evil and enthrone right. Masons are from their earliest connection with the Order told to put their trust in God, and so I close with a part of the quotation used recently by our Gracious King: "Go out into the darkness and place your hand into the hand of God, sure that it will be better than light, and safer than the known way." So shall Masonry live, and peace come to your soul. So mote it be.

GRAND MASTER OF MANITOBA

The Grand Master called on M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson, Grand Master of our Mother Grand Lodge of Manitoba, to address the brethren.

M.W. Bro. Henderson on rising received a fine ovation.

He then stated that in casting about for some way in which to express his appreciation for the honor conferred upon him, he remembered that M.W. Bro. Moore, when visiting in Winnipeg last week had mentioned that his Grand Secretary was still a member of the lodge in which he was initiated, fifty years ago—Spitzie Lodge, then No. 45 under the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. He had accordingly looked up the records in his own Grand Lodge office and found that M.W. Bro. Kemmis had been initiated on the 6th of June, 1890—just fifty years to the day that he was with them attending their Annual Communication. He was Master of his lodge in 1899 and D.D.G.M. of the Tenth Masonic District in 1904, all under the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, so he felt it was entirely Constitutional that their Veteran's Jewel given for 50 years Masonic service should be presented to M.W. Bro. Kemmis, and he requested him to come forward. He presented the jewel, accompanied by many good wishes, and the presentation was greeted with much applause.

The total membership, December 31st, 1939, 10,816.
Decrease 82.

BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1940—

M.W. Bro. Hall, Grand Master, opened the 69th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia in Ample Form at New Westminster, on June 20th, 1940. In addition to the regular Grand Lodge Officers, 12 Past Grand Masters were present.

Manitoba was represented by Rt. W. Bro. Donald Adams.

As this Grand Communication was held in the ancient and historic city of New Westminster the Grand Master noted with pride the growth and development of the first capital of B.C. After detailing his itinerary of over 12,000 miles which covered practically the whole of the Grand Jurisdiction, he says:

"I am profoundly impressed by the very excellent manner in which the ritualistic work is being exemplified, and, I do not hesitate to say that Freemasonry, during the past year, has shown a move forward. Everywhere I found a decided feeling of optimism and good fellowship."

Evidently the brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction are imbued with the spirit of amity and international goodwill. This is shown by the number of international visits from both sides of the Boundary line.

A special Committee was appointed with a view to a revision of the Constitution. In closing an excellent and comprehensive address, the Grand Master struck a high note, and one which must have appealed to all present:

"Freemasonry brings to fruition all the kindly impulses of human nature, which in the struggle for existence, often lies dormant or are suppressed. It is a religion of love of God, and man. As a fountain throws its living water heavenwards to descend in fertilizing showers upon the earth, so does or should a Mason's adoration of the Most High find its full fruition in scattering blessings among his fellowmen."

The financial standing shows funds and property of Lodges as \$787,713.00 while \$24,054.00 was paid out in relief.

The reports of the D.D.G.M. are very exhaustive, showing in detail the condition of each Lodge and cover some 80 pages of closely printed matter. It is questionable if such lengthy reports are desirable, as information is often

duplicated through other regular channels. However, there is no doubt that these worthy brethren accomplished their duties with a zeal that is most commendable.

The report of the Committee on Masonic Education and Research covers 177 pages and contains lectures and addresses on Masonic topics which should delight the heart of any student of Masonic lore. There is within those pages a store house of knowledge that should be in the hands of every Freemason. This Committee seems to realize its responsibilities.

There are 118 Lodgese with 13,879 members.

There were no appeals against the "Rulings" of the Grand Master, which is a good index as to the Grand Master's grasp of the Constitution and his duties.

There was a Civic Welcome by the Mayor of New Westminster and the brethren attended Divine Service at Queen's Park United Church.

M.W. Bro. F. J. Burd delivered a masterly address on "Masonic Etiquette and Procedure" and a Resolution of Loyalty to His Majesty The King was unanimously passed.

Manitoba for 1939 was kindly reviewed by M.W. Bro. W. A. DeWolf-Smith, P.G.S.

CALIFORNIA, 1940—

The 91st Annual Communication was held at San Francisco on October 8th, 1940. The Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form by M.W. Bro. Wm. B. Ogden, Grand Master. 21 Past Grand Masters and 1475 Officers and Representatives from 565 Chartered Lodges and delegates from those Lodges U.D. were present.

From the Grand Master's Address we find he reports the Lodges throughout his Jurisdiction to be in a healthy condition. He has had a busy year, having travelled more than 40,000 miles in making visits to Districts and Lodges; Two of the meetings are out of the ordinary to us up in this country and we sometimes wonder what would happen if some brother suggested a similar stunt meeting:

"By dispensation, Canby Cross Lodge No. 679 invited Silver Trowel Lodge No. 28 of Phoenix Arizona, to confer the third degree upon the latter's candidate and according to the Arizona ritual, at a Special Meeting of Canby Cross Lodge to be held at Prisoner's Rock in the Modoc Lava Beds on Saturday, July 13th, 1940.

By dispensation Midway Lodge No. 426 of Taft was granted permission to hold a Special Meeting for the purpose of conferring the third degree upon a candidate on top of Mt. Abel, a high mountain in the southwestern portion of Kern county on August 17th, 1940."

The Grand Orator, Bro. Leo E. Anderson, delivered a very fine oration, taking for his subject "Civic Responsibilities of Masons". A wonderful report is submitted by the Trustees of the Masonic Homes and Endowment Board, the testamentary gifts to the Fund during the year totalled \$63,659.79.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is prepared by a Committee and submitted by Bro. Jesse M. Whited, Chairman. The report is in topical form.

CANADA (in Ontario), 1940—

The 85th Annual Communication was convened in Toronto on July 17th, 1940, M.W. Bro. J. A. Dobbie, Grand Master.

The Mayor of Toronto, Bro. Ralph Day welcomed the Grand Lodge to Toronto, the Grand Master replied.

The Grand Master in his address reports that Masonry in this Jurisdiction is showing excellent progress. He also refers to "Winning the War" Efforts in the following remarks:

"The question of what the Masonic Order is to do in order to help in winning the war has been uppermost in the minds, not only of the officers of Grand Lodge but also of the officers and members of the constituent lodges. Many suggestions have been made and considered, but the majority of these seemed to be along the line of contributing money to organizations already in possession of large sums, or of providing materials for soldiers, for which, if there be any great need, the Government is already in a position to supply. The Red Cross is an excellent organization doing good work; therefore, on the recommendation of the Grand Treasurer and some of the Past Grand Masters, the sum of \$500.00 was sent to that organization on the 23rd of January, 1940. For this subscription I request your sanction. It was felt that, if further contribution was considered necessary, it could be made at a later date and, if other means of assisting were decided upon, the money could then be directed to that in order to enable the new plan to be carried through. Early last autumn, after the declaration of war, the suggestion was made to me by Most. W. Bro. Frank A. Copus that it would be a grand thing if the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario would send a cable to the Grand Lodge of England intimating that we would be willing to look after the children of Masons from England if they were sent out to Canada. At that time your Grand Master felt that the invitation might not be received and acted upon, owing to the fact that parents might not feel the necessity or because ocean traffic was not safe enough to risk the lives of the children. Your Grand Master did not feel that the proper time for that effort had arrived. However, recent events have caused further consideration of the scheme and, as a result of the unanimous opinion of the "Grand East", it was arranged to send cables carrying the suggestion and the invitation to each of the three Grand Lodges in the British Isles through their Grand Secretaries. Further promotion of the scheme was accomplished by having a Special Committee wait on the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and his Deputy to discuss with them the scheme and to endeavor to ascertain whether or not there were any obstacles to prevent it. Such a conference was held and the utmost cooperation was received by the Committee from the Honourable Mr. Crerar and his Deputy Mr. F. C. Blair. As a result a further cable was forwarded requesting that one thousand children be sent as a first contingent. In doing this, and as a result of some newspaper publicity, a most encouraging response has been re-

ceived, intimating to the officers of Grand Lodge that their action was concurred in by the members of the fraternity. It was then thought wise to appoint a Committee consisting of M.W. Bro. Copus, M.W. Bro. John Rowland, M.W. Bro. Dargavel, M.W. Bro. Dunlop, R.W. Bro. H. G. French, R.W. Bro. N. F. D. Kelley, R.W. Bro. Dr. T. A. Carson, R.W. Bro. E. G. Dixon, W. Bro. Russell Treleavan, W. Bro. C. H. Cunningham together with the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Master to act as an Official Central Board on your behalf, which Committee will have full charge of receiving the children from the Children's Aid Society, under which Society they are admitted into Canada and under whose supervision they are to remain. Your Grand Master respectfully solicits your cordial and loyal support for the scheme as a whole and for the Committee thus appointed. Kindly remember, brethren, that the most fateful hour for our Grand Lodge in the work which it has undertaken and cherished for centuries has now arrived and it is incumbent upon each and every member to make this undertaking a matter of personal interest whether or not you can aid by taking a child into your own home. It is most urgent and necessary that nothing be done by any member of the Fraternity to cause the undertaking to be open to censure. We must realize, now and always, that the trust which becomes ours must be fulfilled, irrespective of everything else, and that we, as Masons, are obligated to these children, to their parents and friends, to the British Government sending them out to us, and to our King and Queen, for the most sacred trust ever bestowed on a Masonic organization. Nothing must be said or done which will in the slightest manner betray that trust, or produce, in the public mind, an undesirable impression of the Craft.

Your Grand Lodge Officers have full confidence that the Fraternity as a whole will rise to the occasion and carry through to a most satisfactory termination the undertaking which has been planned out of hearts filled with brotherly love, relief, and truth."

The Grand Master administers a rebuke to the Officers of those Lodges which omit to produce the auditors' report before proceeding with the installation of the Master-elect.

The report on Fraternal correspondence is prepared by a Committee headed by M.W. Bro. W. S. Herrington, P.G.M. and includes Manitoba for 1939.

COLORADO, 1940—

The 80th Annual Communication was held in Denver, on September 17th, 1940.

The Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form by M.W. Grand Master Thomas H. Cox.

The Committee on Credentials reported that representations were present from 140 of the 147 Chartered Lodges.

Bro. Ira C. Foster represented Manitoba.

The Grand Master reports the Craft as a whole to be in a healthy condition. Three cornerstones were laid and two Masonic Halls dedicated.

The Grand Secretary reports the membership to be 29,129 and a loss of 305. The Trustees of the Benevolent Fund at the close of the year had a value of \$266,873.08. Relief was extended to 54 needy persons. At the close of the year they had 43 on the roll, and spent \$9,836.50 on this relief.

SOLDIER MASONS WAR RELIEF FUND

This fund had a value, at the close of our fiscal year, of \$43,971.57 and from the income of this fund we spent \$355 in the care of the widow of a Master Mason who served in the war and left, in addition to his widow, two children, one a girl who had just graduated from high school, and a boy. After many consultations with the widow by one of the members of the Committee a plan was inaugurated whereby the girl was admitted to a hospital to take a course that would enable her to become a trained nurse, and an allowance was made to the widow who is only partially self-supporting and would make her path much easier. The daughter is now completing her final year and by next summer will become a self-supporting unit in society and be able to lighten the burden on her mother.

Surplus earnings arising from this fund are annually transferred to the Benevolent Fund, in accordance with a decree of court, the transfer being made on the order of the Grand Master.

CHARLES H. JACOBSON MEMORIAL FUND

Since the establishment of this fund we have rendered assistance of 28 scholars attending state institutions of higher learning. Eleven of these have graduated and repaid the fund in full the \$1700 they borrowed and in addition \$162.56 interest. Of the remaining 17 eight have graduated and are now repaying the fund. Three have dropped out of college and six are still in school. The Jacobson Fund, in addition to its invested securities, holds notes of students, both out of college and of those still in school, in the amount of \$2,705.00.

About 30% of our funds have been donated or bequeathed to us as memorials and we feel that it is obligatory to maintain the integrity of these memorials. Therefore, during the last year we have set up a reserve fund against losses to which is accredited 5% of the revenue derived from securities and we believe this will hold the fund intact under all conditions, provision being made in the resolution that in the case of emergency this reserve can be entirely used for relief.

The Committee on Correspondence gives a brief review in topical form of the Proceedings of Grand Lodges and quotes in condensed form from M.W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence's address.

CONNECTICUT, 1941—

The 153rd Annual Communication was held in the City of Hartford on February 5th, 1941. M.W. Bro. Wm. E. Hammer, Grand Master, presiding.

From the Grand Master's address it is evident that he has had a busy year and has labored hard and long to maintain co-operation and harmony between the Grand Lodge and the Constituent Lodges.

The Grand Secretary reports 128 Lodges with a membership of 33,872 and a net loss of 694.

The Report of the Board of Managers of the Masonic Home is one of the highlights of this Proceedings. The membership at the end of the year was located as follows:

	Men	Women	Total
Home	82	112	194
Hospital	41	67	108
Outside	17	26	43
	Boys	Girls	
Outside	22	25	47
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The expense of operations for the year 1940 was \$200,522.01, truly a wonderful work of Benevolence is being performed in this Jurisdiction and only lack of space keeps us from giving more information to our readers on this subject.

The Report of Committee on Correspondence is submitted by M.W. Bro. Winthrop Buck, P.G.M., who includes Manitoba for 1940 in his reviews.

DELAWARE, 1940—

The Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of Delaware contain a special Communication held on April 12th, 1940, convened for the purpose of laying a Corner Stone of the United States Post-office at Selbyville.

The one hundred and thirty-fifth Annual Communication was opened at Wilmington, on the second day of October, 1940, and was called to order by M.W. Grand Master T. Scott Purse. R.W. Chester R. Jones was Grand Secretary.

It is noted that Brother Louis S. Cain, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba was present. Distinguished visitors from nearby Grand Jurisdictions of New Jersey, Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia, and New York were also in attendance at the opening.

In the Grand Master's address tribute is paid to three Past Grand Masters, Brothers Thomas J. Day, Eldad Clarke and Harry W. Lowe, all having passed to the Great Beyond since the last annual communication.

During his year the Grand Master accompanied by his official family visited all the subordinate Lodges in the Jurisdiction.

A report is submitted in the address of a meeting of the Masonic Service Association held in Washington, D.C., on February 22nd, 1940. Practically all proceedings of Grand Lodges in the United States refer to this meeting and comment on resolutions passed there. It appears that in the last war the Government of the United States refused to allow Masonry to do welfare work among the members of the Fraternity in the Army and Navy because no one man or group of men had the authority to speak and act for all American Masons.

During this session at Washington it was agreed that the Masonic Service Association should have that authority should the United States be drawn into the conflict which is now raging in Europe.

FOREIGN RELATIONSHIP

Continuing the Grand Master's address he says:

"I feel there has been a lack of interest shown by Representatives of other Grand Lodges near the Grand Lodge of Delaware. Many Grand Lodges resent the fact that although they have gone to the trouble to issue commissions to some of our Brethren their Representatives have been consistently absent from our annual meetings. This has been unfavorably commented upon by some Jurisdictions in their proceedings. At the same time, I feel that if we insist upon our own members representing foreign Grand Lodges, certainly we should be equally as insistent upon being represented by the brethren of other Jurisdictions whom we have honored."

Some Grand Lodges, to overcome the foregoing, have a section in their constitution making a time limit after which the Grand Secretary may cancel their commissions if they absent themselves without sufficient excuse.

The following letter was forwarded to the Grand Master of England, H.R.H. The Duke of Kent:

"Most Worshipful Sir:

"The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Delaware, in communication assembled, has directed me to express to you and the brethren of the United Grand Lodge, its Fraternal Greetings.

"Our sympathies and prayers are in your behalf and may the Great Architect of the Universe speed the day when Peace will again be with you.

"Can we be of assistance, financially or otherwise? If so, your request will meet with immediate compliance.

"Fraternally and sincerely,

"T. SCOTT PURSE,

"Grand Master."

A very interesting report is submitted by the Committee on Education on the Gunning Bedford Jr., Scholarship Fund and on the progress of the students who have enjoyed a scholarship from this Committee.

Report of the Committee on History and Research in a brief sketch of the early history of the lodges, previous to the formation of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, in June, 1806, is given in the proceedings and is worthy of attention. The oldest warrant granted appears to be on June 24th, 1765, was to a Lodge at Cantwell Bridge (now Odessa) New Castle County.

Ten of the seventeen Lodges reviewed in this report surrendered their charters during the Morgan Episode.

This Committee depreciates the work they have done but we notice that the storage of their documents was to be raised from \$5.00 to \$12.00, which in itself speaks for their work. Another way was found for the difficulty for which they have to be congratulated.

In the Grand Secretary's Report the number of Constituent Lodges is given as 22. Membership 5,163. Net Loss 51.

Most Worshipful Brother George Duffy was elected and installed as Grand Master for 1940-41.

R.W. Brother Chester R. Jones re-elected as Grand Secretary.

The Grand Lodge will meet in the City of Wilmington on the first Wednesday in October, 1941.

The Grand Lodge of Manitoba is fraternally reviewed.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1940—

The first stated Communication for the year 1940 was held on May 8th, 1940, in Washington, D.C., which covered routine business.

The 130th Annual Communication was convened on December 18th, 1940, in Washington by M.W. Bro. Needham C. Tumage, Grand Master, who is also Manitoba's Grand Representative.

The Grand Master delivered a businesslike address which covered his many duties throughout the year. He reports the condition of the fraternity as both enlightening and encouraging.

They are also having some trouble with the Grand Lodge of Virginia with regard to waivers of Jurisdiction but

no doubt this will be straightened out sometime in the future.

Bro. J. Walter Karsener presents a fine correspondence report in which Manitoba is included.

ENGLAND, 1940—

At the Quarterly Communication held in London, on March 6th, 1940, the M.W. Bro. H.R.H. The Duke of Kent, K.G., was re-elected and proclaimed as Grand Master.

The Annual Investiture of Grand Lodge Officers was carried out on April 24th, 1940.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER LODGE MEETINGS DURING HOSTILITIES

The M.W. Pro Grand Master: Brethren, by command of the M.W. The Grand Master, a letter will be circulated to Lodges, which reads as follows:—

Dear Sir and Brother:

I am commanded by the M.W. The Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Kent, K.G., to inform you that during the period of hostilities it is his wish that the refreshments provided after Lodge Meetings should be as simple as possible to conform with the need for national economy.

The Grand Master is aware of the benefit which is derived from social intercourse between Brethren, but in view of the present national requirements His Royal Highness feels sure that the necessity for exercising moderation in the after proceedings will be realized by all.

From the report of the Board of General Purposes we quote the following:

MASONIC JEWELS

Dealing with the Report, with regard, first of all, to the surrender of Masonic Jewels, the response to that appeal has been most gratifying, and almost more pleasing are the many expressions of appreciation which we have received from donors of the opportunity to make a personal sacrifice to the cause. Others have stated that, hard as it is to part with such treasured possessions, it is really nothing as compared with the sacrifices made by those who are giving their all to the country. The scheme has two purposes, one, to raise a sum of money to be presented to the Government, and the other, to make available the valuable metals which are so much needed by the country. We have had many suggestions as to how the scheme could be improved, and also some criticisms, the latter generally being to the effect that, owing to the sentimental value attaching to the Jewels, Brethren would prefer to make a donation instead of surrendering the Jewels, and that in any case the melted-down value, less the expense incurred, would not pay for the effort. As regards the expense one of the foremost assaying firms in this country at once offered to do the melting down and assaying free of charge (Applause), and the appreciation of the Board has been conveyed to them. As regards the question of the small intrinsic value of the Jewels, Brethren will be interested to know that the result of the first month's gifts has enabled us to send a cheque for £10,000 to the Treasury. (Applause). We are sure that all the Brethren appreciate what it means to the Board that we have had such a wonderful response to our appeal, and I think it also points out that the Board anticipated the feelings of the Brethren by sending out that notice.

ENGLAND, 1941—

At the Quarterly Communication held in London on March 5th, M.W. Bro. the Duke of Kent, K.G., was re-elected as Grand Master.

The Report of the Special Committee of Benevolence submitted a brief report as follows:

December 18th, 1940.

49 Petitioners were relieved to the extent of £3,335-0-0

January 15th, 1941.

31 Petitioners were relieved to the extent of £2,065-0-0

February 19th, 1941.

47 Petitioners were relieved to the extent of £3,200-0-0

From the Report of the Board of General Purposes we quote the following:

ADMISSION OF VISITORS TO LODGES

The Board desires to remind Lodges that special care must be exercised in the admission of visitors from other Constitutions. There is a possibility, at the present time, of Brethren coming into contact with members of Bodies not recognized by the Grand Lodge, and it is important that no invitation be extended unless the Masonic qualifications of the intended visitors are established. In any case of doubt, enquiries should be made to the appropriate Masonic Authorities.

GRAND LODGE REGISTER, 1939-1940

Returns are presented herewith, in accordance with custom, showing the number of Lodges on the Register of Grand Lodge, and of Certificates issued, during the past ten years.

LODGES ON GRAND LODGE REGISTER

	London	Provincial	District and Abroad	Total
1931	1,126	2,789	707	4,622
1932	1,146	2,836	714	4,696
1933	1,164	2,863	715	4,742
1934	1,184	2,910	721	4,815
1935	1,204	2,955	731	4,890
1936	1,221	2,990	732	4,943
1937	1,241	3,021	735	4,997
1938	1,258	3,067	735	5,060
1939	1,281	3,109	739	5,129
1940	1,281	3,164	739	5,184

GRAND LODGE CERTIFICATES

	Issued at Freemasons' Hall	Issued by Dist. Grand Masters	Total
1931	15,560	2,019	17,579
1932	15,237	1,856	17,093
1933	14,074	1,918	15,992

1934	14,153	1,741	15,894
1935	13,555	1,737	15,292
1936	14,003	1,492	15,495
1937	14,077	1,452	15,529
1938	14,127	1,686	15,813
1939	12,064	1,584	13,648
1940	10,624	1,618	12,242

On this occasion a feature of unusual interest appearing in the Balance Sheet is the reference to the Masonic Jewels Fund. Since the close of the year a further payment has been made to His Majesty's Treasury, making a gratifying total of £20,000 which to date has been realized by the surrender of Masonic Jewels.

The Annual Investiture was held on April 30th, 1941, at which time a welcome was extended to R.W. Bro. The Rt. Hon. Viscount Galway, P.C.G., C.M.G., D.S.O., O.B.E., P.G.W., P.G.M. of New Zealand on his return to England.

At this meeting M.W. Bro. H.R.H. The Duke of Kent, K.G., was proclaimed Grand Master by his several styles and titles.

For the information of our brethren we quote the address of Welcome to the Grand Master and his reply:

WELCOME TO THE M.W. THE GRAND MASTER

The M.W. Pro Grand Master: M.W. Grand Master and Brethren, I am sure that your Royal Highness does not require any words of mine to convince you of the pleasure which is derived by the Brethren present in Grand Lodge whenever you attend our gatherings. (Loud applause). I am certain that you can sense the feeling of interest which always exists in the proceedings of Grand Lodge, but which is so greatly enhanced by your Royal Highness's presence. I therefore only address you on this occasion because the Brethren would like to be sure that your Royal Highness has had expressed in words the great pleasure which they feel whenever their Grand Master is able to spare the time to come to a gathering of Grand Lodge. (Applause). In addition I should like to add just one word to assure you that the activities of Freemasonry are being carried on, and are being carried on as I am sure your Royal Highness would wish, very greatly to the National interest. (Hear, hear). Indeed, if I may say so, the principles of Freemasonry are now being taught to a much wider

circle of the uninitiated and popular world than ever before, and, as an instance of that, I would like to remind the Brethren of words used by the Prime Minister (himself a Freemason) the last time when he broadcast to the Nation. A short poem which he quoted ended with the words:

“And not by eastern windows only,
When daylight comes, comes in the light;
In front the sun climbs slow, how slowly!
But westward, look, the land is bright!”

And Brethren will recognize that in those words are embodied one of the symbolic teachings of Freemasonry. For many, many years we have been taught, when the light has been lost in the East, to travel and seek for it in the West, and that symbolic teaching is now being brought to the uninitiated in order that they should realize that the light, though it may be partially eclipsed in one quarter, is never extinguished. So I am sure that Freemasons throughout our Constitution will continue to teach that same principle, and that same principle is going in the long run to save us, to save all that we hold dear, to bring us the full glow of light through goodness.

Your Royal Highness, every time that you come into the midst of the Brethren, the welcome you will receive will grow warmer, and we most gladly express to you today our grateful thanks, both on behalf of the Brethren whom you have honored by investing them today, and on behalf also of all the Brethren who have been privileged to be present and to witness that ceremony. (Loud applause).

The M.W. The Grand Master: Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, I am very grateful to you for the welcome which you have addressed to me. It has been a great pleasure to me to be present at Grand Lodge today to invest those Brethren whom I have appointed to higher rank in the Craft. In Freemasonry, as indeed in every walk of life, greater responsibilities come with advancing dignities, and while I convey my congratulations to each one who has received honors today, I must impress upon them that they should be regarded as a means to further service.

In travelling about the country in the performance of other duties, I am glad to find that the spirit of Freemasonry is so alive among our members, and this is particularly noticeable in those parts where the perils of war have taken their heaviest toll. In some cases the difficulties of arranging meetings have seemed almost insuperable, but no obstacle appears too great to discourage those Brethren in their determination to continue their Masonic

work. (Applause). They appreciate what Freemasonry means, especially in anxious times, and those with less difficulties to contend with and who have not strained every effort, might well look to them as an example.

There is, I regret to say, a sadder side of the picture. Much Masonic property has suffered damage in varying degrees—that can, and will rise again; but many of our Brethren, with the members of their families, will not return again. There are others also who have laid down their lives in the Forces of the Crown. To all who are bereaved we extend our fraternal sympathy—may it be some comfort to them that those for whom they mourn have died for what we believe to be a great cause.

I would like to express my gratitude to Freemasons all over the world who have been so generous in assisting us to relieve distress occasioned by the war. We are assured that our Brethren overseas have us constantly in their thoughts and we have received tangible proof of their ready sympathy and their desire to share our trials.

I conclude with the fervent hope that all may go well with each one of you until victory comes, as assuredly it will do. None of us can foresee, however, what may be in store for us in the months ahead; but I am confident that, whatever may befall, we shall meet it with that courage and fortitude which befits those who are members of a great Society founded on the purest principles of piety and virtue. May the great Architect of the Universe protect, guide and comfort you in the service of our King and Country. (Loud and prolonged applause).

FLORIDA, 1940—

The 111th Annual Communication was held in the city of Jacksonville on April 16th, 1940. M.W. Bro. Ralph J. Kishpaugh, Grand Master, presided and there were ten Past Grand Masters present. The Grand Master delivered a business-like address, and during the year issued quite a number of “rulings and interpretations of law,” from which we extracted the following:

July 2. A question from the Worshipful Master of Grand Ridge Lodge No. 169, as to the propriety of Masonic funeral to be

conducted in conjunction with a military funeral. The query was answered by quoting the following ruling by Most Worshipful J. S. B. Moyer, approved by Grand Lodge in 1933:

"It would be contrary to Masonic dignity and tradition to participate in a funeral procession subordinate to another fraternal organization. It will be permissible to open your lodge, attend church services in a body, occupy whatever section set aside for them, then reporting to the cemetery (not as a part of the procession) and inter with Masonic honors the deceased. This Masonic burial service to be the final service and not preventing any other fraternal burial service which might precede it."

In connection with this it is permissible for a military organization to fire its salute and sound taps after the Masonic service. (Approved).

November 8. From Secretary Royal Palm Lodge No. 100. Can this lodge receive petition from the Rev. George Harris Ricks, pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Homestead? He has been in the State only six months, all in Homestead. His work requires him to move about from place to place. I ruled that Regulation No. 337 would apply in this case, and that ministers of the Gospel are privileged to be relieved of the payment of fees and/or dues at the will of the lodge. (Approved).

We also notice that R.W. Bro. Frank A. Brown has been recommended for appointment as Grand Representative for the Grand Lodge of Manitoba near the Grand Lodge of Florida.

The Grand Orator Bro. Fred B. Noble delivered an inspiring address entitled "The Message of Masonry", which we think is one of the finest we have read for some time.

From the statistics of returns we notice that there are 223 lodges on the roll with a total membership of 19,998. No reviews.

GEORGIA, 1940—

The 154th Annual Communication was held in the City of Macon, on October 29th, 1940.

W. Bro. John A. Bishop represented Manitoba.

M.W. Grand Master J. Wilson Parker presided and opened the Grand Lodge in Ample Form.

The Grand Master gave a very full and comprehensive address covering his year's work, which shows that he was more than generous in the time and labor given to carry out the work of his exalted office, especially when he was laid aside with severe illness for some months. From his opening remarks we quote the following:

"The rights of free speech, freedom of the press, free assembly, freedom of worship and trial by jury that we enjoy today as commonplace were acquired at great sacrifice. It is our privilege to enjoy them and our duty to transmit them unimpaired to posterity.

"It seems that three despots have designed to conquer and divide among themselves the entire world. They have overrun small nations, slaughtered and enslaved free men, and shown their utter contempt for those things we hold sacred. Today the high altar of St. Paul's, which was designed by our Bro. Sir Christopher Wren, likewise is a shamble of ruin. It was my sacred privilege to worship at that high altar, likewise to witness the rays of the noonday sun through the Rose Window of Westminster, a priceless treasure of antiquity, which is endangered by the ruthless aggression of those who came to destroy and not to fulfill. Not only has Masonry been destroyed in those countries but the rights and privileges we hold to be inalienable have been swept away. Consequently, Masonry, with few exceptions, no longer exists in any but the English speaking countries.

"Therein lies the challenge to us. In America we face our greatest crisis. For the first time in history we are confronted with a law calling for peace-time conscription of our man-power for military service. Let me urge, with all the emphasis of my being, that every member of our Craft, yea, every man, woman and child within our far-flung borders, fully, completely and wholeheartedly co-operate with our Federal Government in its programme to establish the complete defense of our country. The only language dictators know or understand is the language of force. Our only hope for peace, the only hope that we have that our American institutions shall not be destroyed, lies in such a complete armament of this nation that no other nations and no combination of powers on this earth would dare attack us."

During his eight active months of service, 131 Official Visitations were made. Five corner stones were laid.

There are 477 Lodges, with a membership of 39,243—a gain of 211, but 14 Charters were surrendered with a membership of 328, showing a net loss of 117.

M.W. Bro. Raymond Daniel, Grand Correspondent, was prevented from making his usual report on account of illness. We express our sympathy and hope he will soon be able to take up his good work again.

IDAHO, 1940—

The Seventy-fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Idaho was held in Lewiston, Idaho, September 10th, 11th and 12th.

M.W. Grand Master Bro. W. Wade Wilson presiding with R.W. Bro. Curtis F. Pike, Grand Secretary.

The proceedings of this Grand Lodge make interesting and instructive reading, more so being a jurisdiction somewhat smaller than our own. Beautiful bouquets of flowers, presented by many organizations decorated the Grand Lodge room and a special place of honor must have been reserved for “the large basket of gladioli, of a color so closely matching the complexion of the Grand Master.” The color is not stated but after reading the proceedings and noting the successful year—it must have been golden. In his address the Grand Master says:

“I doubt if there has ever been a Grand Master before who has had such a peaceful and harmonious administration. Not one unpleasant thing has come to my attention. Not one unpleasant duty have I been called upon to perform.

“In no district meeting was the attendance less than one hundred and was as high as three hundred and fifty.”

An event of unique importance is noted in his visitation of lodges.

"On June 15th occurred what I suppose is the most outstanding meeting of my year, and a Masonic event worthy of notice throughout the world. Together with Bros. Pike, Gibson, Locey, and Peterson I journeyed to the historic lodge at Silver City. In that almost abandoned mining camp we saw Brother R. H. Leonard confer the M.M. degree upon five of his sons. This event was witnessed by one hundred and twenty-eight members of the Fraternity with over thirty lodges represented. To have five sons in this day is a great event: to have five sons taking their work the same night is history."

The following cablegram was forwarded to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England:

"The Grand Lodge of Masons of Idaho in Annual Session, this, the first morning of our three day communication, sends the greetings and sympathy to the Masons of the British Empire. May the Great Architect of the Universe support you in this your dark hour, may you with the determination of your countrymen, succeed in your struggle against despotism. Our prayers are for you. We realize that you are fighting for all that Masonry holds dear."

The cablegram was gratefully acknowledged by Bro. Sidney A. White, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England. Continuing in the same spirit, the Grand Secretary of Idaho, Bro. Curtis F. Pike read:

"It must now be admitted that for Masonry, and all the ideals that it holds sacred, the battle of England is humanity's last stand against totalitarian oppression. The Mother of democracy is facing the severest test of her existence. There is no reason to think that she will fail in the test; the evidence of history is all in her favor, the grim determination, the fighting spirit; and the oneness of her people are her formidable mainstays.

"Need any Mason be told of his duty at this hour? Can his convictions waver before the evidence of his sight? Can his loyalty be deluded as to which country is fighting his cause in this war? There is but one thing he need remember, and that is that Nazism has long ago crushed his brothers within its Jurisdiction; not a vestige of his Fraternity is visible on the continent of Europe today. Only England remains to speak his Masonic mind before the black menace of Fascist despotism—only England to keep alive the immortal Spirit of Runnymede for the rest of us who have not surrendered to the gangsters of Berlin.

"England's battle is Masonry's battle. There is no way of evading that truth."

The returns from all lodges have been received. All reports are now in the hands of the Committee on Returns of Lodges. All lodges have paid their dues in full. All lodges have reported the proceedings read as required by law.

"Worshipful Masters are required to read the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, or to have them read to their respective Lodges, within three months from the receipt thereof, which fact the Lodge secretaries are required to report to the Grand Secretary."

There is no report on Manitoba, and at the time of issue, no Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Idaho.

M.W. Bro. Asa A. Vealey elected and installed Grand Master for 1941.

R.W. Bro. Clyde I. Rush elected and installed Grand Secretary.

No. of Lodges 81; Members 8,940; Net gain 78.

ILLINOIS, 1940—

Illinois held her 101st Annual Communication at Chicago, on October 8th, 1940, and was opened in Ample Form by M.W. Bro. Dan DeBaugh, Grand Master, with an attendance of nine Grand Masters and 63 Grand Representatives, including Manitoba's representative Bro. G. Havens Stephens, who were received with honors later.

Among the distinguished visitors received were M.W. Bro. John T. Boyd and M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas, Past Grand Masters of Manitoba.

The Grand Master delivered an address detailing his official activities which were in keeping with the high rank and standing of this great Grand Lodge of Illinois.

On the "Condition of the Craft" the Grand Master reports an optimistic trend relative to the status of individual Masonic Lodges and Masonry in general. Two Lodges were consolidated, one Cornerstone laid and three Masonic Temples dedicated during the year. Grand Orator Bro. Edgar A. Jones delivered an extensive address referring to the One Hundredth Anniversary.

Past Grand Master Elmer E. Beech as usual furnishes us with another review of Proceedings of an interesting and instructive nature, which includes Manitoba for 1940.

INDIANA, 1939—

One Hundred and Twenty-Second Annual Communication, Indianapolis, May 23rd and 24th. Grand Master presiding, M.W. William H. Morrison; Grand Master elected, M.W. John R. Hunter; Grand Secretary, M.W. William H. Swintz. Lodges 545. Members 106,257. Loss 996.

Grand Representative of Manitoba was present.

The Grand Master in his address, which covered over thirty pages, minutely describes his stewardship during his year in office, he speaks in glowing terms of his visit to the Bicentenary Anniversary of Freemasonry in Canada, July 11th through the 15th, 1938, beginning at Halifax, Nova Scotia, where 200 years ago the first Lodge of Freemasonry was established by Erasmus James Philipps who was deputized by Henry Price then the Grand Master of Massachusetts. He says his visit among Canadian Brothers was a mission spreading good will and understanding, not only among Masons, but also among the citizens of two great democracies.

The Grand Master cautions all Masons to be most careful in joining new groups many of which though they have patriotic sounding names their backing and support may come from one of the various isms working to undermine American institutions, pointing out that we have in the teachings of Masonry all the vital essentials for the building of true patriotic citizenship.

During the year the Grand Lodge Officers had the pleasure of presenting our ritualistic ceremony on the occasion of laying four cornerstones. Three times during the year to dedicate Masonic Temples.

The Grand Master records the passing of Indiana's Senior Past Grand Master, Brother Orlando W. Brownback.

The Reviews of Proceedings are published in the Indiana Freemason, as pointed out by P.G.M. Elmer F. Gay, in his report.

INDIANA. 1940—

The 123rd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Indiana was held in Indianapolis on May 28th and 29th, 1940, M.W. Bro. J. R. Hunter, Grand Master presiding.

Bro. George W. Schneider representative of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba was present.

The enthusiasm of the members of this Grand Lodge is again evident from the report of the Proceedings covering 360 pages and representatives from 539 Lodges being present out of a total of 542 Lodges. The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. J. R. Hunter gave a very full and interesting address and concluded with these words:

"Despite the fact that we enjoy the highest life and privileges and also enjoy the highest standard of living in all the world, we have within our borders, citizens destitute of knowledge and undesirable aliens who are seeking by every subversive means to

destroy our rights as free people, and set up a totalitarian form of Government. May we not, therefore, more fully appreciate the blessings we enjoy as American citizens and more fully realize that the perpetuity of American institutions depends upon how fully we assume and discharge our responsibilities as citizens of this Republic."

"Eternal vigilance my Brethren, is the price of Liberty."

It is noted in the report of the Grand Lecturer that he finds that violation of Masonic rules found in a number of Lodges simply have been caused by failure of the Officers to read the general regulations. If the Officers, particularly the Worshipful Master and Secretary, would read and familiarize themselves with the rules, very few violations of law would be made, unless willfully.

Grand Master Hunter installed the newly elected Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Jacoby. During the ceremony, Bro. Jacoby wore a Masonic apron that had belonged to General J. Tipton, the apron was 104 years old.

Grand Master Jacoby said in part, after installation:

"Today we meet in peace and harmony. The world is torn between many conflicting "isms" and foreign propaganda. Too many within our own shores, who have in the past chosen our form of government voluntarily as a haven from oppression, are now looking backward, and with beckoning hands are finding followers. Masons now, as seldom before, have a very clearly defined course of action, that of acting as the balance in the great propelling wheel of free government. That by putting into practical effect the teachings of Masonry, the beneficent principle of right will be written large upon the pages of history and the opposing philosophy of might shall be forever expunged from the records of civilization."

M.W. Bro. W. H. Swintz is the Grand Secretary.

There are 542 Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction with a membership of 105,705, which shows a decrease of 552.

IOWA, 1940—

97th Annual Communication, Burlington, Iowa, June 11th, 12th, 13th, 1940. Grand Master presiding, M. W. Bro. Homer Augustus Benjamin. Grand Master Elected, M.W. Bro. Harry Louis Searle. Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Charles Clyde Hunt, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Lodges 547; Members 66,875; Loss 58

Largest Lodge, Pioneer No. 22, Des Moines, 1165 members.

Smallest Lodge, Senna No. 344, Liberty Centre, 17 members.

Distinguished visitors were present from California, Ohio, Minnesota, Missouri and Nebraska.

The Grand Master began his address by pointing out the responsibilities of every Mason as follows:

RESPONSIBILITY

Our responsibilities as good citizens and true Masons are far greater today than they have ever been, at any period, in our life's history.

Throughout the world we see many forces at work seeking to set man against man and nation against nation. We see nations, like individuals, losing faith in one another. We see selfishness, hatred, intolerance, injustice, and misunderstanding dominating the lives of men. We see innocent people being persecuted because of their race, creed, and religion.

We see Freemasonry in many countries being abolished by totalitarian regimes, largely because of its ideals of education, religion, and democracy; and it is my considered judgment that to preserve humanity it requires the inspired leadership and the united, co-operative effort of all spiritually minded brethren who love Masonry and liberty and who place human value as the first requisite to a happy, contented, and peaceful life.

Freemasonry has ever rested its programme upon the foundation rock of truth, justice, tolerance, understanding, and brotherly love. If these principles were made the basis of the

relationship today between man and man, nation and nation, there would, indeed, be peace on earth and good will toward men. The mission of this great Order is, and has always been, the building of the ideal human temple.

Each individual must build himself if he is to make his contribution toward the building of humanity as a tolerant and enlightened brotherhood of mankind. Masonry's contribution in this troubled hour will be measured by the extent to which each of us lives a life in conformity to Masonic teaching and renders service for the common good of humanity.

In his remarks on the condition of the craft in Iowa, the Grand Master was greatly encouraged by the fine Masonic spirit that prevailed, but he points out that in spite of a picture of optimism there are still many weak Lodges and describes a condition which is quite applicable to some of our Manitoba Lodges, he says:

"I have been somewhat disappointed to find some lodges throughout the state that take little or no interest in group activities and still others that do not make use of the services that the Masonic Service Committee is prepared to render to the local lodges. This is indeed a mistake on the part of the leadership of such lodges.

"A Masonic lodge will make but little contribution in the community it serves if it meets only in stated communications for the purpose of paying bills and carrying on the business affairs of the lodge. To progress, a lodge must prepare a real programme that will serve the entire membership, recognizing the fact that we have in our membership a cross-section of life. We do not all appreciate the same kind of programmes: some are interested in Ritual, some in Masonic talks, others in social entertainment, and so forth.

A well-rounded programme will meet the desire of the different groups, and, when this is done, it will bring about an increased Masonic interest.

I commend to the subordinate lodge that it give serious thought to this subject, to the end that its programme, when prepared and carried out, will be both interesting and instructive. This problem is largely one of leadership, which the individual lodge should seek to correct.

The Grand Master records a meeting held in the Masonic Temple, Des Moines, on Monday, September 25th, 1939, for the purpose of receiving M.W. Bro. William D. Lawrence, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and other distinguished guests from Manitoba and points in United States, who were in Des Moines attending a communication of Royal Arch Masons, over 500 were in attendance. M.W. Bro. Lawrence also made a radio address while in Des Moines.

On September 20th, 1939, a special communication of the Grand Lodge of Iowa was held for the purpose of laying the cornerstone of Buchanan County Court House.

Three Masonic Halls were dedicated at special communications during the year, Independence Lodge No. 87, at Independence; Trowel Lodge No. 216 at La Porte City and Delta Lodge No. 356 at Dallas Centre.

Ernest R. Moore, Past Grand Master, Rapid City, Iowa, who does an excellent job of reviewing, covered Manitoba very thoroughly giving us liberal space. He has this to say about our own R.W. Bro. Hugh M. Kerr, Brandon, Manitoba, who has so faithfully reviewed for Manitoba, unassisted, for so many years. Quote: "R.W. Bro. Hugh M. Kerr furnished the Masonic Reviews, his well expressed reports are short, terseness emphasized; yet they will carry to those for whom they were written sufficient on what is transpiring elsewhere. Iowa gets half a page which is about the average and is quite sufficient."

The 98th Annual Communication is to be held at Council Bluffs, second Wednesday of June 1941.

IRELAND, 1940—

The Grand Lodge of Ireland met on St. John's Day, December 27th, 1940, in the City of Dublin. The Deputy Grand Master R.W. Bro. Raymond Brooke presiding.

From the Grand Secretary's Report we find a Resolution passed by Grand Lodge on "Directions as to closing meetings during War."

"During the present Emergency unless and until Grand Lodge shall otherwise determine, the M.W. Grand Master and the R.W. the D.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Ireland and the Provincial Grand Masters in their respective Provinces shall have authority to direct that the presiding Officer of any Lodge meeting under the authority of a Warrant from the Grand Lodge of Ireland within the Jurisdiction of any of them respectfully, shall have full power to dispense with the formal ceremony of closing the Lodge and to declare the Lodge closed, and to close it forthwith, if, in his discretion he shall deem it expedient so to do."

AFFILIATION FROM GRAND LODGE THAT HAD BEEN SUPPRESSED

A Subordinate Lodge asked as to the standing of a Brother for affiliation from a Grand Lodge that had been suppressed. The Board made the following ruling:

If a Brother seeks affiliation from a Constiaution that has been suppressed or which has ceased to work, but which was in Amity and exchanged Representatives with the Grand Lodge of Ireland up to the time of its supression or cessation, he must produce his Certificate or a document corresponding thereto, showing that he was a Mason in good standing before the suppression or cessation of the Constitution under which he was initiated, and the Lodge to which he wishes to affiliate must make all possible enquiries about him. The result of these enquiries, must be sent to the Grand Secretary, and the Brother concerned shall not be ballotted for until the permission of the Grand Master or the Deputy Grand Master shall have been given.

The reports of the Provincial Grand Lodges shows Irish Masonry at home and abroad to be in a prosperous condition.

KANSAS, 1941—

The 85th Annual Communication of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Kansas assembled in Wichita, on February 12th,

1941, a considerable number of lodges being represented. The Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form after prayer by Bro. Wm. I. Hastey, Grand Chaplain.

Bro. Charley B. Erskine was in attendance as Grand Representative from Manitoba.

The Grand Master's address shows the sincerity of purpose which marks his ability during his term of office. He brings into full view matters of vital concern to the general welfare of the Craft and each individual member. From the Grand Master's address we quote the following:

The American has enjoyed a higher degree of liberty perhaps than the citizen of any other country in the world, but to some degree the peoples of all the world have striven and secured greater and greater personal freedom through all of the years.

And then, out of the economic panic and distress that engulfed Europe, there came into being a theory of government that had for its basic idea, the thought that there should be a drastic curtailment of their personal liberties. This new doctrine assumes that the individual is not a personality created in the image and likeness of God, but only a unit of energy to be absorbed into the machinery of the state. This idea takes from the citizen the liberties that make life dear, and by planning and regimenting his life, robs him of initiative and the right to think for himself. This totalitarian doctrine of government, not only decrees the physical process of his living but establishes a code of morals that he must follow. It proclaims itself to be the religion he must believe in and its leaders assume to be infallible. To maintain their hideous grip on their downtrodden people, these leaders must make a constant demonstration of might and power and so they have built up huge war machines, and have unleashed this powerful army upon the defenseless and unprepared neighbor nations. These nations, believing in the sanctity of treaties and in morality and decency among nations, were caught off guard and fell easy prey to the lightning war that crashed upon them. As each nation came under the yoke, Freemasonry was proscribed and Freemasons banished or sent to concentration camps. Lodges were broken up and the property of the lodges confiscated or destroyed.

But in his lust for power and conquest, the dictator overlooked one very important detail and that was that in the heart of the great Masonic Nation, England, there was a courage, a loyalty to ideal, a love of liberty that knew no bounds and a willingness to fight to the end for their cause of right, liberty and justice, and

the juggernaut that had rolled over the countries of the continent one by one, came to an abrupt halt when it met the might of Great Britain, and we here in America, may well be proud that our Masonic origin was in that gallant country, that today is waging a terrible war and bearing up under unthinkable torture, that democratic ideals may not be entirely eradicated from the face of the earth.

We Kansas Masons, meeting here in the peaceful City of Wichita, discussing the problems of our Craft, may feel far removed from the theatre of war but, my Brethren, with modern military equipment, time and distance are easily annihilated and none of us can possibly know how close we are to, or how soon we may be in the very war that England is waging today. Our hopes, our faith, our prayers are all for the success of England and the cause she represents. It is a just cause and it must prevail or freedom will be lost to many peoples for generations beyond the possibility of present enumeration.

We have seen in the last year, our great country embark on an unprecedented defense programme. We are building ships, planes, tanks and guns. We have seen for the first time in our history, a peacetime conscription of our manpower. We have seen our boys mobilized. All of these military preparations are necessary and should be carried on with the utmost speed and efficiency, but there is another preparation for the crisis that I want to call to your attention this morning. While those in authority prepare the nation with its military might, let us as Masons, make it our programme to prepare the people in their hearts to know and understand the great issue that is at stake in the war. It is a war that will decide whether the inhabitants of the world will go on as free peoples, shaping their own lives and enjoying all of the personal liberties that we have known or whether they will again be crushed down in the slavery of the dark ages. The issue is plain and there can be no decision until one side is wholly victorious.

The Mason, firm in his reliance on the Great Architect, believing in the doctrine that the right must prevail, and strong in his love of liberty, can choose but one side in the controversy and that is the side of Democracy. Only under a free government can Masonry survive and flourish. Only under a democracy can the individual develop himself. Only under a democracy can we truly have a government of, for and by the people. Let us as Masons, carry on the battle for freedom and democracy, as our Masonic forefathers carried it on in the beginning of this nation's life. Let us work for unity among all of our people. Let us practice the tenets of Masonry, and be tolerant, loyal, patriotic citizens of this great country. Let us put the good of the country ahead of all

other consideration. Let us use all of our strength, physical, moral, and mental on the side of the American way of life. Let us have courage and faith, and cast from us all fear and doubt. We know that the American way of life is the human way of life, and that out of all the darkness, and fog and mist that obscure the sun today, yet behind the darkness, the sun is still shining and in God's own good time, the clouds will roll away and once more into the world will come the true Light of Intelligence and Reason, of Morality and Decency among nations and the Great Prince of Peace will again bring into this world, the true Masonic doctrine of Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men, and Democracy, triumphant, will march around the entire world and all peoples, everywhere, will continue their steady progression toward a greater state of freedom, a greater intelligence, a greater conception of the Supreme Architect. Then man, approaching perfection step by step, will realize that he is created in the image and likeness of his Creator and will so conduct himself that in truth there will be established here on earth, a Brotherhood of Man and a Fatherhood of God.

During the year he presented a number of 50 and 25 year buttons to members to whom this honor was due.

Bro. Raymond A. Schwegler delivered the Annual Oration and took as his subject "The Faith that is within You."

The report on the Foreign Correspondence Committee was given by M.W. Bro. Otto R. Souders. His reviews are short and very worth while reading. Manitoba for 1940 received attention and he quoted from the address of M.W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence. He considered this a very fine address and also mentioned the address of the Grand Chaplain.

KENTUCKY, 1940—

The 140th Annual Communication was called to order at 10:00 o'clock a.m. Tuesday, October 15th, 1940, M.W. Bro. B. Hodgin presiding.

The Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form on the M.M. Degree by R.W. Bro. Hugh McLellan, Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Master reports the use of "Key Men" which would seem to be a similar office to our District Deputy Grand Masters.

KEY MEN

"This system of appointing Key Men to serve as stewards for the Grand Lodge in all sections of the state is an operative plan. The Key Men are of invaluable service to the Grand Master and to other Grand Lodge Officers. They are in a position to ascertain the facts and conditions of any given situation in a lodge in their jurisdiction, and they apprise the Grand Master of these conditions. Thus the Grand Master is able to make recommendations, which, in his opinion, are for the best for those concerned.

"In my opinion a good Key Man meets the following requirements: The Key Man is the personal representative of the Grand Master in the district over which he presides, and he is a source of wisdom and a fount of inspiration for all Masonic activities within his district. It is his duty to visit all lodges in his district, to encourage and to strengthen the brethren to greater heights of endeavor, and at the end of the year to make a report of his stewardship to the Grand Master.

"Through their District Meetings the Masons in attendance are aroused, stimulated, and inspired to be better Masons. Since Master Mason's Degree work is done at some of the District Meetings, the Craft is afforded an opportunity to witness the character of ritualistic work that is being done in the different sections of the state. Because we have no uniform ritual in Kentucky, one may see different interpretations and constructions based upon the three degrees. There is arranged, at some of these gatherings, programmes of such instructional nature that they give the Grand Lodge Officers an opportunity to deliver spell-binding orations. In these addresses we either soar to the ethereal or descend to the abyss. In all seriousness, Brothers, your Key Men are worth their salt and should be continued. Of course, Key Men should be changed from time to time, and able Masons, and there are many, can be given an opportunity, and should be given an opportunity, to demonstrate their ability and worth as leaders."

Six Lodges were reported as having been consolidated. From the Grand Master "Decisions" we cull the following:

"Page 91 of our Constitution reads as follows: 'A demit severs the relation between the lodge and the member absolutely. To become a member of the same lodge again he must petition and

file his Certificate of Demit the same as if he should apply to any other lodge.' The demit, in my opinion, is permanently good until surrendered. It is surrendered when you are accepted in a bona-fide lodge.

The following ruling was made in answer to the question of Bro. John Weldon Hall, Key Man for District No. 2, with reference to how the apron should be worn. The apron should be worn in all degrees as prescribed by the Constitution, which is as follows:

"Regulation 18. The apron is to be worn in full view, flowing freely, and as follows: first degree, bib up; second degree bib down, third degree bib down; except that when worn as a mark of distinction, the left lower corner should be tucked up."

"With reference to a straight jacket for a degree team, will state that I do not approve of a straight jacket but recommend that an overall coat or its equivalent be used to protect the clothing."

"This opinion was given in answer to a request from Bro. Harry S. Johnson, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Ohio, F. & A.M.

"It is my opinion that since the Grand Lodge of Kentucky was in amity with the Grand Lodge of Vienna prior to the Nazi invasion of Austria, and since Bro. Deutsch holds a demit from the said Grand Lodge, and since the Grand Lodge of New York has certified that such demit was good for visitation or affiliation in any of the New York Lodges for a period of six months from April, 1940, it is my opinion that a Kentucky Lodge adjacent to Cincinnati could accept the application of this brother and admit him to membership. I, too, feel that we should go the length of the cable-tow to extend Masonic fellowship to these brethren who have been sorely oppressed as well as suppressed."

From the summary of Statistics we find the number of Lodges to be 512 with a membership of 42,348. An increase of 59.

AMBULANCE FOR ENGLAND

"Capt. John Henry Cowles (400) P.G.M. and Sovereign Grand Commander, Supreme Council, A.A.S.R. Southern Jurisdiction, addressed the Grand Lodge expressing his delight at being present on his biennial visit with the brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction. His message on Masonry in foreign jurisdictions and the feasibility of the Masons of this Grand Jurisdiction presenting to the Grand

Lodge of England an ambulance to be used in the war, the same to cost \$1,350.00 and his generous offer to subscribe \$500.00 of this amount personally was met with hearty approval.

"On motion of Bro. J. Howard Voige (808), Bro. Cowles was given a rising vote of thanks for his instructive and educational address and his generous offer.

"On motion of Bro. John L. Vest (719) the incoming Grand Master was authorized to send to each subordinate Lodge a letter of appeal for donations to supplement the \$500.00 to be donated by P.G.M. John H. Cowles to purchase an ambulance to be sent to the Grand Lodge of England for use in the war."

A very generous offer which will be greatly appreciated.

W. Bro. Allen C. Terhune, P.M. submits the report of the Committee on Proceedings of Grand Lodges, which includes a review of Manitoba for 1939.

LOUISIANA, 1940—

129th Annual Communication, New Orleans, February 12th, 13th, 14th, 1940. Grand Master presiding, M.W. Bro. Robert H. Brooks; Grand Master Elected, M.W. Bro. J. Chris Nungesser; Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. D. Peter Laguens Jr., New Orleans. Lodges 247; Members 20,629; Loss 52. Largest Lodge, Caddo Lodge No. 68, Shreveport, 519 members. Smallest Lodge, Dubach Lodge No. 132, Newport, 9 members. Grand Representative of Manitoba not present.

The one hundred and twenty-ninth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana was opened February 12th, 1940, at 2:00 o'clock p.m., by M.W. Brother Robert H. Brooks, Grand Master with 229 Lodges represented. The invocation given by acting Chaplain Brother A. J. Sherer was followed by the presentation of an United States flag to the Grand Lodge by W. Bro. W. E. Owen of Ruston Lodge No. 106.

Seventeen Past Grand Masters answered the roll call.

Distinguished visitors were present from Massachusetts, Nebraska, New York and Texas.

In his address the Grand Master gave an interesting account of his many activities during his term of office. Twenty-six rulings were recorded and decisions handed down by the Grand Master who recommended that this issue could be substantially reduced if the brethren would make a deeper study of the code.

Under foreign journeyings he records one event of interest when he attended the meeting of the Masonic Service Association and listened to an address by R.W. Rev. Joseph Fort Newton, Chaplain of the Association.

The many visitations of the Grand Master were recorded only briefly for want of space.

It was his privilege while Grand Master to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft and Master Mason degree on his youngest son John Robinson Brooks, having previously conferred degrees on his other two sons Robert Jr. and James L., making eligible members of his immediate family 100%.

The most outstanding Masonic meeting of the year was that held Sunday morning, June 11th, at Giddens Castle Hill thirteen miles east of Shreveport at 5.00 a.m., in a Sunrise Meeting where the Master Mason degree was conferred on two candidates. Attendance was estimated to have been from 750 to 1000 Master Masons.

One cornerstone was laid, four Masonic halls dedicated, one Lodge forfeited its charter and duplicate charters issued four Lodges.

The report of the Trustees on the Masonic Home for children at Alexandria shows daily average of 75 children housed during the year with an expenditure for maintenance of \$25,507.18, a yearly per capita of \$367.99, an increase over 1939.

No reviews.

MAINE, 1940—

The One Hundred and Twenty-first Annual Communication was convened in Portland on May 7th, 1940, by M.W. Bro. George F. Giddings, Grand Master.

Three Special Communications were held during the year when one cornerstone was laid and two Masonic Halls dedicated.

The Address of the Grand Master recites in detail what he has accomplished and several situations which he hopes may be remedied in the future.

On the question of membership he admonishes the officers of all Lodges to carefully investigate the applications of all candidates, and to remember that it is quality and not quantity that is desired and to profit by the experience, during and immediately following the World War:

"The report of the Chairman of the Distributions Committee of our Charity Fund shows that for the period from May 1, 1939, to April 1, 1940, there was expended from that fund the amount of \$26,208.23 or \$727.75 more than during the previous year. Two hundred and eighty-one persons have been assisted, or thirty-two less than last year.

"The Subordinate Lodges paid during the same period from their funds the sum of \$12,746.00 or \$543.00 more than during the year previous."

ANNUAL DUES

"A compilation from the Annual proceedings of the Grand Lodge for 1939 shows there are 206 Subordinate Lodges with annual dues ranging from \$10.00 down to \$1.75 the average being \$3.36. Fifty-three of the 206 Lodges, or only 25.72% have dues less than \$3.00. With dues less than that amount, after paying fifty cents to the Grand Lodge for the Charity Fund and Fifty cents for Grand Lodge general expenses, the balance is far too small to make an aggregate sufficient for the proper functioning of a Lodge. A lodge is but a business organization with a Charter, by-laws, officers and with income and expenses. When the expenditure of a business organization is more than its income for a considerable time, then bankruptcy inevitably follows. The comparable course of a lodge is the revocation of its charter. Many lodges need more money if they are to continue."

The Grand Master recommends that

“at this Annual Communication, the Grand Lodge, by resolution or otherwise, fix the minimum annual dues of the lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction at not less than three dollars.”

The Grand Master also reports that during his two years at official visitations, he has been received with Private, Public and Grand Honors, evidently they have been given in various ways, and now he wants them standardized, a special Committee has been appointed for this purpose.

Bro. Porter A. Roberts answered as the representative for Manitoba.

From the returns we note that there are 206 Lodges with a membership of 35,132.

The Report of Correspondence is submitted by Bro. Ashley A. Smith. His remarks are noted regarding Maine not being included in our review. However, a copy had not come to the reviewers desk in time for inclusion.

MARYLAND, 1940—

The Semi-annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held May 21st, 1940, in Baltimore. M.W. Bro. John H. Hessey, Grand Master, presiding.

From the Grand Master's address we quote the following:

“It has been said that Masonry today has no attraction to youth and that something should be done whereby Masonry may be advanced and brought to the knowledge of those who are not members. A survey by the Masonic Service Association shows that 42 per cent. of the applicants for the Masonic Fraternity are between the ages of 21 and 30, and that 63 per cent. of the

applicants are between the ages of 21 and 35. This should prove that youth is today knocking at our door. We hope that it will continue to do so with increasing vigor and with a sincere desire to live by the principles for which this Fraternity has so long stood.

"While the strength of Masonry does not lie in its numbers but rather in the interest which each member manifests, it is nevertheless interesting to note its rise and fall. It is interesting to note the influx during the last world war. The pendulum swung upward with great rapidity, too great indeed. I might say that during the years 1920 and 1921 we admitted as members of this Fraternity over nine thousand persons. When the Depression began, the pendulum started to swing the other way and swept backward almost as rapidly as it had gone forward, but its movement has slowed and I foresee that it will soon stop and start again on the upward grade."

The following example might well be copied in other Jurisdictions as the reviewer thinks that there is not enough attention paid to the fitness of Worshipful Masters Elect to occupy the Chair.

EXAMINATIONS OF WORSHIPFUL MASTERS ELECT

"You are familiar with the fact that I have appointed a Committee on Examination of Worshipful Masters elect in the law, thereby reviving an old custom and one which has proven beneficial to the Fraternity. This Committee did excellent work in a very short space of time in December. While those appearing before the Committee are, generally speaking, well qualified to act as Master, yet it is felt that their attention has not always been directed to matters in which they were to be examined, with the result that much time has been spent on matters which are not of vital importance. The Committee suggested that it might be well to prepare a guide for the Worshipful Masters, and at a meeting of the Masters and Secretaries held on February 14, 1940, this matter was discussed, and it was the unanimous opinion of all present that such a procedure would undoubtedly be helpful. This Committee has expressed a willingness to compile the guide and such general information as may be helpful, after which it will be printed, and as the cost will be small, I recommend that approval be given to the publication of the guide. A report of the Committee will be submitted this evening for your consideration, and action will then be taken thereon."

Committee on Examination of Worshipful
Masters in the Law

Baltimore, Md., November 20, 1940.

Brother John H. Hessey,

Most Worshipful Grand Master of
Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Maryland.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brother:

Your Committee on Examination of Worshipful Masters in the Law, in pursuance of the plan approved by the Grand Lodge at its May Communication, respectfully reports that, after thorough examination of the MASONIC CODE, 23RD ARTICLE, and STANDING RESOLUTIONS, they prepared a series of questions to be used as and for an examination of Worshipful Masters in Masonic Law which would adequately cover the important matters pertaining to the government of a Masonic Lodge.

These questions, after having been submitted to, and approved by, the Most Worshipful Grand Master have been printed in booklet form, and are ready for distribution among the prospective candidates who aspire to be Masters of their respective Lodges.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES W. SKIPPER,
HENRY W. SCHULTHEIS,
KARL H. PELTZ,
ALLAN CLEAVELAND,
Committee on Examination in Law.

The 154th Annual Communication was held on November 19th, 1940, in the City of Baltimore. There were present several distinguished brethren from other Jurisdictions.

The Grand Master reports that an excellent spirit prevails throughout the membership of the Fraternity.

No Reviews.

MASSACHUSETTS, 1939—

Grand Lodge of Massachusetts holds quarterlies, with Installation and stated Communication, December 27th, 1939, Feast of Saint John the Evangelist.

At the Quarterly Communication, May 8th, 1939, Manitoba was represented by R.W. Bro. Edwin O. Childs.

Grand Master Joseph Earl Perry, made some interesting remarks regarding his goodwill tour to South and Central America, and your reviewer agrees with him that the Grand Lodges of United States and Canada may find some way to send representatives to visit Grand Lodges of Southern countries. Careful preparation would be required in trying to carry out one or more tours to cover Central America, and the Pacific and on the Atlantic side of South America.

Under present world conditions we think that this should be given serious thought by leaders of Grand Lodges. Massachusetts contributed \$1000 to the Grand Lodge of Chile and \$250 to their own D.D.G.M. for use in assisting in the Chile Earthquake Relief Fund.

The Grand Master also made timely remarks regarding "Prizes and Chances, otherwise Gambling."

There are many who believe that the predominant drift of our times is toward a desire to get something for nothing, to rely on others rather than on one's efforts. This disintegrating influence reveals itself not only in a craving for collective forms of government to promote getting rather than giving but in a myriad of other forms even including religious and charitable organizations that are hypocritical enough to rely on the gambling spirit rather than on the giving spirit. Even at the risk of being deemed narrow and old-fashioned, Freemasonry must stand firm against this dangerous tendency. There is probably no Lodge in the country, certainly not in this Jurisdiction, that could not be financially independent if its members wished to contribute only a portion of what they spend in personal indulgences. Reliance on the public's gambling instinct is not a necessary way to finance ourselves. It

is only the easiest way. In the long run it is also a disastrous way. Fortunately the overwhelming proportion of our Lodges have always refrained from such activities. I suggest for your adoption the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED: That it is inconsistent with the professions and purposes of Freemasonry for any Masonic Body to promote, participate in, or profit by any lottery, game of chance, door prize, or other device or activity whereby the individual participant may be able, through the element of luck or chance, to win a greater value than he pays, and each Masonic body within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge is hereby enjoined to observe the letter and the spirit of this Resolution; and

Be it further Resolved that all so-called collateral bodies, clubs, or other organizations in Massachusetts whose membership is related to or dependent on Masonic Membership, or which in the public mind are likely to be regarded as Masonic organizations, are requested, and all individual Masons owing allegiance to this Grand Lodge are enjoined to respect the purpose of this Resolution.

Application for the recognition of the National Grand Lodge of Palestine was received, but the committee recommended that recognition be declined. Recognition has been extended to the National Grand Lodge of Colombia, seat at Cartagena, also to the National Grand Lodge of Colombia, seat at Baranquilla. And that arrangements be made for the exchange of Representatives.

On May 24th, the Grand Master delivered a radio address on "Freemasonry and Citizenship," in which the "declaration of principles was read, and something of the origin, nature, and purpose of Freemasonry was presented." With this introduction M.W. Bro. Frederick W. Hamilton, Grand Secretary, spoke on "The Masonic Fraternity," describing it as the non-Mason might see it.

At the National Communication held September 13th, 1939, Grand Master Perry delivered an inspiring address from which we cull his remarks with regard to "Freemasonry in a World at War."

FREEMASONRY IN A WORLD AT WAR

"Civilization somewhat resembles a great river. The crystal distillations of melting snows at the source and the muddy waters at the mouth are parts of the same stream. So, too, are the falling drops in a Niagara and the mists that rise above it. Whether in savage rapids or quiet eddies, between meadowed banks or canyoned walls, whether rushing or meandering, traffic laden or wilderness-lost, it is still the same living unity. Nothing is more transient than the geographical positions of the separate drops or their relationships to each other, yet nothing is more eternal than the river as a whole. From generation to generation, from age to age, without even an instantaneous interruption, the river lives on. So long as two invisible particles of hydrogen and one invisible particle of oxygen remain true to themselves, so long will the river endure, whatever its external form may be.

So, too, as long as human beings exist there will be some form of civilization. Individual and group relationships are transient, varying stages of civilization move upward or downward, but the stream of human life goes on and on.

The world is again in the midst of a great military conflict. Our Masonic Brethren are bearing arms in each of the warring armies. It is widely said and probably literally true that no one wanted war. Everyone would have preferred to have achieved his objectives without war. To all war has thus seemed to be a last resort, but still the lesser evil. What are those objectives? What are those greater evils? Is war the lesser evil? Are those objectives worthy, and if so are they unattainable except by war? Is there no better way?

Peace will come. Life will go on. But what of Freemasonry while the world is at war, while the river is in the rapids, or plunging over the falls?

Freemasonry is a way of thinking, and living, and acting; a profession of faith in high principles; a bold experiment in friendship. We profess, we try to practice, tolerance, and justice, and fortitude; truth, and honor, and kindness; individual dignity, personal integrity, and universal brotherhood.

These are no weak and wishful sentiments. They call for greater strength and courage than is required to yield to physical conflict. They are, we Masons believe, essential to the preservation of the best in our civilization. No one can say whether this nation may ultimately decide that even war is the lesser evil, but whether we are drawn into the conflict or not, we as Masons must

seek to remain true to our high professions. We must live them. We must sacrifice for them. The first lesson in the first lecture of the First Degree is that we should learn to subdue our passions and improve ourselves in Masonry. Let us then refuse to yield to the passions of hatred, prejudice, intolerance, anger. Let us improve ourselves in Masonry, for no greater need hath humanity than to live up to its noblest aspirations, high among which are the aspirations of the Masonic philosophy of life.

This is not the beginning of the end of our civilization. It is the beginning of a new era. That new era may be vastly superior to anything that has gone before. What it shall be depends on you and me and the rest of mankind. Freemasonry in a world at war is Freemasonry with an unlimited opportunity for good.

He also mentioned his trip to the Grand Lodge of North Dakota at its Golden Jubilee Ceremony held at Grand Forks where he met our beloved M.W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence, Grand Master of Manitoba, who brought the greetings of all the Canadian Masons of whom a number were present. He also spoke at some length on his visit to the British Isles, and his visit to the United Grand Lodge of England when he attended the Installation of H.R.H. the Duke of Kent as Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England. The Grand Master reports that he travelled nearly 20,000 miles extending Masonic Good wishes in other Jurisdictions: Venezuela, Colombia, Republic of Panama, Scotland, England, Ireland, Canal Zone, Maine, Maryland, New York, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Washington, D.C.

On December 27th, 1939, State Communication was held for the purpose of installing the Grand Officers and celebrating the Feast of Saint John the Evangelist.

The principal speakers at this time were M.W. Bro. Herschel H. Rose, P.G.M., West Virginia, and W. Bro. Frank L. Eversull of North Dakota. Both delivered eloquent addresses and were greatly enjoyed by those present.

No reviews.

MASSACHUSETTS, 1940—

Quarterly Communications were held on March 13th, June 12th, September 11th, December 11th, at all of which M.W. Bro. Joseph E. Perry, Grand Master, presided.

Fourteen special Communications were held to observe and celebrate Anniversaries of the founding of 13 Lodges and the Dedication of one Temple. The Grand Master during the year delivered a number of inspiring and instructive addresses at those meetings also an interesting account of his many duties performed throughout the year. From his reports we quote the following:

1600 YEARS OF MASONRY

On June first, Mount Tom Lodge at Holyoke, under the leadership of Right Worshipful Ronald Astley, held an unusual meeting. The Third Degree was exemplified by a degree team consisting of men from sixteen different Lodges and nine different Districts, the twenty-one officers who participated averaging over 76 years of age. All of them were Past Masters or Past District Deputy Grand Masters. The youngest was 64, the eldest was Worshipful John W. Woods, of Belcher Lodge, aged 93, who gave the charge to the candidate. With only such rehearsal as could be held during the afternoon, they presented what was described as "one of the finest Third Degrees ever exemplified." Many there were who said, "It was the finest Masonic meeting I ever attended." The photograph of the degree team and the programme are now on file in the Grand Lodge archives. The interest was so great that the capacity of the Lodge-room was exceeded and some of the Brethren had to be denied admission for lack of room. The outstanding feature, however, was not the size of the meeting or the age of the men or even the fact that their combined ages aggregated more than sixteen centuries. It was the inspiring atmosphere of dignity and devotion which no younger or less devoted group of officers could have created.

GLEANINGS FROM THE LODGES

From time to time there come to the attention of the Grand Master customs and methods of individual Lodges that seem worth passing along for the information and perhaps the emulation of other Lodges. In this address reference is made to some such

customs that prevail in one of our oldest Lodges. Other Lodges are invited to send in information as to any of their own customs which might be of interest to the Craft in general.

MEMBERS' WIDOWS

The Master and Wardens of King Solomon's Lodge in Somerville have for years called on all the members' widows who live in or near Boston. These calls are usually made on the Saturday and Sunday before Thanksgiving. In earlier years the Lodge gave a five-dollar gold piece to each one but in recent years a potted plant has been given. A few years ago a questionnaire was sent to all on the calling list to see whether they wished the custom to continue, and the response was unanimously and enthusiastically in the affirmative. These visits, and the anticipation and recollection of them, do so much to brighten the lives of the beneficiaries that the custom is worthy of more general adoption.

The Board of Masonic Relief report the following amounts expended for charity by the Fraternity for the year as follows:

Masonic Home	\$83,800.91
Masonic Hospital	51,310.91
Administration	13,745.79
Allowance to Residents	4,464.00
Permanent Improvements	4,695.30

General Charities

Lodge Funds as reported ...	68,491.16
Sundry Grand Lodge Funds .	18,304.15
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	86,795.31

Total expenditures for benevolent purposes, \$244,812.22

No reviews.

MEXICO, 1940—

The York Grand Lodge of Mexico held their 80th Annual Communication in the City of Pachuca, Hgo, on the 21st day of March, 1940.

12 Constituent Lodges being represented the M.W. Grand Master Bro. Jacob Stump opened the Communication in Ample Form. Bro. R. B. E. Turnbull was in attendance as Manitoba's Grand Representative.

From the Grand Master's Address we quote:

"It is an old adage that distant fields seem greenest. In like manner, it has been customary always to consider the present as the hardest of all hard times. No one can deny, however, that today we are in truth passing through a most difficult epoch. If you survey your thoughts, you will find that they no longer synchronise with those of many who formerly seemed to share views similar to your own. A different notion seems to have sprung up as to what constitutes justice and righteousness. Things go so far that at times we wonder whether we hear aright or whether we are in another world new and unknown to us.

"It is at times such as these that we may gauge whether our teachings—the teachings of our beloved institution—have become an integral part of our mentality. It is in such times as these that we realize that though the noblest impulses of man are being trampled under foot, yet the high ideals, the sublime teachings of our Order, will uphold us until we arrive at that peaceful harbor "where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest."

"The fury of war is again devastating Europe, and while for the present it appears to be circumscribed to that continent, yet there is no certainty that it will remain so, and even now the whole world is suffering its consequences. It is in troublous times such as these that our tenets and principles should more than ever help to bring relief to suffering humanity; let us by precept and example sow the seed that may one day enlighten our fellow-men."

RECOMMENDATIONS

"1.—That publication of the Proceedings of the M.W. York Grand Lodge of Mexico in its present form, be discontinued, both as a measure of economy and because it seems impossible to have it printed in a reasonable period of time, thus making it obsolete by the time it reaches the hands of the brethren. In lieu thereof, I recommend that all important material derived from the Grand Lodge meeting be published in the Trestle Board."

There are 14 Lodges with a membership of 662.

No reviews.

MICHIGAN, 1940—

The 96th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Michigan was held in Bay City on May 28th and 29th, 1940, by M.W. Bro. Francis B. Lambie, Grand Master.

In his address the Grand Master mentions that there appears to be in Michigan at least, what might be called two schools of thought regarding Freemasonry. One has the idea that Masonry must be brought up to date, in other words it must be streamlined to fit with the times and some would even go so far as to solicit members. The other that the Ancient Landmarks regulations and customs of Freemasonry exemplify that universal morality which is suitable to the inhabitants of every clime, to the man of every creed. To this class the Grand Master belongs.

One new Lodge was added to the roll, and Masonry throughout the Jurisdiction appears to be quite active.

The Foreign Correspondence Committee reported that recognition was granted by the Grand Lodges of Norway and Sweden and Grand Representatives appointed.

There are 512 Lodges with a membership of 110,969.

There are no reviews.

MINNESOTA, 1941—

The 88th Annual Communication of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Ancient and Accepted Masons, was held in the Masonic Temple in the City of St. Paul, January 15th, 1941. During the session 270 Lodges out of 302 on the roll were represented. Rt. W. Bro. Chauncey C. Colton, acting Grand Master, presided.

Among the distinguished visitors were M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson, Grand Master of Manitoba. He was accompanied by M.W. Bros. W. D. Lawrence, John T. Boyd, Royal Burritt, Wm. Douglas, Past Grand Masters of Manitoba, and Rt. W. Bros. Geo. R. Calvert, Deputy Grand Master, and J. H. G. Russell, Grand Secretary of Manitoba.

Early last year the entire Lodges of Minnesota were saddened by the news of the death of Grand Master Milo B. Price when he was on a train en route to a conference of Grand Masters in Washington, D.C. Bro. Price was an outstanding educator and devoted much of his time and talent to Masonry.

During the year one cornerstone was laid.

The Acting Grand Master attended the Annual Communication of Grand Lodges of Manitoba at Winnipeg, on June 5th and 6th, 1940, and reports having enjoyed his visit. The Acting Grand Master also believes that closer bonding of Secretaries and Treasurers would be good business. The reviewer agrees with him in this respect.

With regard to Grand Lodge Offices and Leadership, he thinks that Grand Lodge Officers should be given more work to do during the year in their particular offices, thus enabling them to gain wider experience and make better Grand Masters. With this then in view he has had several Grand Officers meetings during the year for the purpose of going over with them the problems which confronted the Grand Lodge and for getting their opinion on Policies and Methods of Procedure. He has also asked them to attend all meetings that he himself would be unable to attend, and this no doubt would help the Junior Officers to become familiar with the Methods of Procedure.

From the report of the President of the Masonic Home we note that they have been doing good work and it is noted that the opening of the new Infirmary made it possible to increase the number of residents. At the present time there are 74 men, 100 women, of these 17 married couple; 2

residents under 72 years of age; 76 between 70 and 80; 50 between 80 and 90; and 9 between 90 and 100 years of age, and 1, Grandma Howland who will be 100 years of age if she lives until February 15th, of this year. The average age is 78.1.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is submitted by M.W. Bro. C. A. Montgomery, P.G.M., in which was included a fraternal review of Manitoba for 1940.

MISSISSIPPI, 1940—

The 122nd Annual Grand Communication was convened in the City of Vicksburg, on February 13th, 1940.

Grand Master John A. Dantzler presiding. The Grand Master reports that harmony prevails throughout his Jurisdiction and that many of the Lodges have enjoyed a very active year.

One Lodge was constituted and Dispensations were granted to form two new Lodges.

This Grand Lodge started out to have worthy Masons reinstated and as a result show a net gain of 755 members.

Bro. Quarles, who is not an officer of his Lodge, but wanted to work and personally secured 153 re-instatements. This example might well be copied in other Jurisdictions.

The Grand Secretary reported a total membership of 21,822.

The Credentials Committee reported the total votes to be 1,139.

Manitoba for 1939 is courteously reviewed by Bro. Charles H. McCrane Jr.

MISSISSIPPI, 1941—

The 123rd Annual Grand Communication was held at Meridian on February 11th, 1941, by Grand Master M.W. Bro. G. W. Davidson, supported by his full staff.

From the Grand Master's short but businesslike address we notice that four Lodges were consolidated, two Lodges constituted and one cornerstone laid during the year.

He also reports making a number of visits outside his Jurisdiction also visiting Lodges in almost every section of the State.

The Grand Lecturer, Bro. J. Rice Williams reports that he has lectured more than three hundred days during his Masonic year, and also reports that harmony prevails throughout this Grand Jurisdiction.

There are 315 Lodges with a membership of 21,564, a net loss of 258.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is prepared by Bro. C. H. McCrane Jr., in which a fraternal review of Manitoba, 1940, is included.

MISSOURI, 1940—

The one hundred and twentieth annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of the State of Missouri was held at St. Louis, on September 24th and 25th, 1940. Most Worshipful Brother Karl M. Vetsburg, opened the proceedings in the presence of a large gathering of representatives and distinguished guests.

The voluminous report of the Grand Master's address testifies to a year of many activities and it would have been interesting to know the mileage covered in the one hundred and three visits made. There would be one hundred and three addresses, also, which would be no mean task for one man.

At the beginning of his term of office the following letter to the Masters, Wardens and all Brethren of all Lodges of Missouri needs no comment:

"At a recent meeting of the District Deputy Grand Masters, held in St. Louis, attention was called to certain pamphlets (among others, one entitled 'Social Justice'), in which unwarranted attacks were made upon Freemasonry and in which Freemasons were referred to as 'Disciples of Satan.' These pamphlets were offered for sale at a large meeting held in St. Louis a short time ago—that meeting being, presumably, for the purpose of discussing the neutrality problem now facing our National Legislators. While the sponsors of that meeting have denied responsibility for the pamphlets, the fact remains that some group is publishing and circulating these attacks widely throughout the nation.

"Recently, also, testimony given before the Dies Committee in its investigation of un-American practices, indicate that certain other groups in our Country are making similar attacks on our Order.

"Attacks of this character are not new. They occur periodically and do not require, and should not be dignified by, a public defence.

"However, as Freemasonry, in its public relationship, is largely individualistic, and its place in public opinion determined by the public's estimate of Freemasons as Citizens, such attacks as the foregoing seem to me to suggest the following reaction by every loyal Freemason namely:

"The greatest care in the election of petitioners; the greatest care in the appointment and election of officers—those key men who represent us in all public functions; a greater loyalty to our Lodge and Order by a more faithful attendance at Lodge meetings, and by upholding the hands of our officers and helping them provide interesting and instructive meetings; a profounder knowledge of the tenets of Freemasonry—learning not only the patent surface significance thereof but also the latent, symbolic and allegorical meanings, making them not merely a ritual for Lodge room use only, but what they are intended to be—a philosophy of life—a code of ethics which each of us, as individuals, should apply:

"In our home life—thereby making us better fathers, sons, husbands and brothers;

"In our social contacts—thereby making us better friends, better neighbors;

"In our business relations—thereby causing us to act upon the square with all mankind;

"In our religious activities—thereby broadening our viewpoint without the slightest sacrifice in our individual beliefs or loyalties creating goodwill between all men, and making the doctrine of human brotherhood a living reality;

"In our communal and public work—thereby making us better, more patriotic Americans—militantly opposing all doctrines subversive of our form of government, and patriotically supporting our great Democracy.

"If all of us, as individuals, will do this, we need have no anxiety for the future of Freemasonry. Our Order will rise to new heights in public opinion and usefulness. We will completely refute all false charges against us and no right-thinking citizen will give such false charges credence.

"I am sure your District Deputy will help you to further the above programme. If I, as Grand Master, can assist, I will gladly do so to the utmost of my ability.

"Fraternally yours,

"KARL M. VETSBURG,

"Grand Master.

"Let this be read in open Lodge at the first meeting after its receipt."

The Grand Secretary of Nebraska, M.W. Brother Lewis E. Smith, in addressing the gathering also states an attack on Masonry by a Jesuit teacher speaking over the radio from W.O.W. in a daily address called the "Creighton Hour". This teacher stated that every drop of blood that had been shed in the Spanish revolution had been shed because of Freemasonry.

Many of the addresses of the distinguished guests also followed the same lines and only the limitation of space in a report such as this forbids quotations of interest which might be given.

POLITICS AND FREEMASONRY

In the Grand Master's address he referred to a letter which was sent out by a Worshipful Master and his senior warden of one of the subordinate lodges:

"Dear Brother:

"Mrs. ———, the wife of our Senior Warden, is a candidate for Republican Committeewoman of the ——— Ward. Any assistance you can give her will be personally appreciated by me.

"Fraternally,

"——— W.M.

"——— Lodge No.———"

I immediately wrote both the Master and Senior Warden that the sending of the letter was a violation of Masonic Law—and later proceeded to investigate the charge in accordance with provisions of Sec. 278 of our Grand Lodge By-Laws. Both pleaded that they did not know that the letters were a violation of our Law. Both brethren have been loyal and faithful workers and I feel that suspension from office would be too harsh a punishment for the Worshipful Master. I therefore dismissed the charge. However, in the Report of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, we find the whole of the above reviewed at some length and the following recommendation submitted:

"After due consideration the Committee feels that the Grand Master was too lenient in dismissing the charge against this Worshipful Master, and that some penalty commensurate with the offence committed should be assessed. Therefore, it is our recommendation that the order of the Grand Master dismissing said charge be set aside, and that the incoming Grand Master be directed to designate some suitable Past Master to administer a proper reprimand to Worshipful Brother———such reprimand to be administered in a regular or special communication of———, at a time to be designated by the Grand Master.

"This Grand Lodge has no original jurisdiction over any offense which might have been committed by the Senior Warden, such jurisdiction being vested in the subordinate lodge of which he is a member."

The Committee on Refugee Children reported in part:

"That this Grand Lodge shall receive twenty-five children as may be allotted by the United States Committee for the care of European children.

"That no limitations whatever be placed upon children received as to their race, religion, creed, or relation to Freemasonry."

In the report of the Committee on District Deputy Grand Masters' Report, the following deserves special mention:

"One District Deputy Grand Master reported that he was unable to get his reports in for the reason that the Lodge Secretaries failed to make them out for him. The Lodge Secretary gets the blame for almost everything that goes wrong in the lodge but we do not feel that he should carry the extra burden for failure to make the District Deputy Grand Master's Reports."

A new section was added to the By-Laws to allow Lodges of Research to be formed in the Grand Jurisdiction.

During the session a marker was unveiled and dedicated in front of the Masonic Temple in memory of the Lewis and Clark expedition to the far west.

In the report of the Committee on Necrology the death of M.W. Brother Henry Lamont Adolph, Past Grand Master of Manitoba, is recorded.

Number of Lodges 624. Membership 86,469, Loss 1,030.

Most Worshipful Brother Harry S. Truman was installed as Grand Master for 1940-41, and R.W. Brother Arthur Mather, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Lodge will meet in St. Louis on the 30th day of September, 1941.

MONTANA, 1940—

The Sixty-sixth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Montana was opened in the Masonic Temple in Butte, on August 21st, 1940.

The Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form by the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Edwin Fredlund, with prayer by Grand Chaplain, at nine o'clock a.m. The Masonic Chorus of Butte sang three numbers.

M.W. Bro. Eugene Naylor, Grand Master of North Dakota; R.W. Bro. Robert A. Tate, Grand Secretary of Saskatchewan; M.W. Bro. O. A. Brooks, Grand Master of Saskatchewan; R.W. Bro. Carl H. Claudy, Junior Grand Warden of the District of Columbia and Executive Secretary of the Masonic Service Association; M.W. Bro. William J. Haines, Grand Master of Wyoming; M.W. Bro. W. Wade Wilson, Grand Master of Idaho; W. Bro. John Smith, District Deputy Grand Master of Washington, and W. Bro. Henry Carver, Grand Tyler of Nebraska, were welcomed by the Grand Master and invited to the Grand East. Each of them later addressed Grand Lodge briefly.

Three special Grand Lodge Communications were held during the year, two dedicating new Masonic Temples at Harlem and Whitehall and also the laying of the cornerstone at Whitehall Masonic Temple.

It is noticed in the Grand Master's address that many visits were made during his year in office, two were made to Canadian Lodges and in his numerous duties time was found to install the officers in 34 constituent Lodges. Of his Official Visitations he says:

"The share of pleasure and happy occasions which comes to a Grand Master when visiting the brethren of the constituent lodges, is probably not overshadowed by any other of the pleasant duties he assumes. To me this part of the work has been most happily enjoyed.

"I am glad to be able to report that in general, the condition of the Craft is good; peace and harmony prevail throughout our Grand Jurisdiction, and during the past two years, or more, we have been moving in the direction of progress, with less suspensions of members, while there has also been some increase in degree work.

"More interest has been shown by the members in both the larger and the smaller Lodges and the average attendance has been gradually advancing. Last year our Grand Secretary's report disclosed a net gain in membership of two, this year one. Those are small gains, to be sure, but nevertheless, they are gains and not losses and should cause some rejoicing, at least, when we reflect upon the conditions prevailing during the eight years just prior to 1938, when our net losses were staggering, reaching the peak for 1934, to the tune of 659 net loss in membership; and the activity in many of the smaller lodges dwindled to oblivion, making it difficult to muster quorums for Stated Communications, and lodge offices went begging for some members to fill them. Even the suggestions by members of some of the weaker Lodges that they give up their Charters, came to Grand Masters and Associate Grand Officers on several occasions. Those were hectic times in our Montana Masonry and should not be reflected upon, except we fail to appreciate the marked improvement of conditions which has slowly but effectively been working its way back, through the channels of our Educational Work and special efforts of a greater number of Masons who have become more Masonic conscious, augmented to some extent perhaps both by what has occurred to Masonry in Europe during the past few years and by the fear of what may happen in our own beloved Democracy when we fail to exercise that vigilance which is most essentially necessary to preserve our cherished liberty. In any event, it is pleasant to note that our Masonic Ship is moving along on an even keel and true course in a channel of peace and harmony, and that the year before us presents an even better outlook for further development and progress."

M.W. Bro. John T. Orr was elected Grand Master for 1940-41. Membership 17,808.

No reports.

NEBRASKA, 1940—

The 83rd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska was convened by Grand Master M.W. Bro. William J. Breckenridge in Omaha, on June 4th, 1940. 17 Past Grand Masters were present.

The Grand Master's address is worthy of careful study by all Masons, particularly Lodge Officers. Five cornerstones were laid during the year.

PHYSICAL DISQUALIFICATIONS

13. January 29, 1940. To an inquiry from Craftsmen Lodge No. 314, Lincoln, as to the eligibility of an applicant who has the third and fourth finger of right hand missing and the second finger to the first joint, I held, according to previous decisions, applicant could not be made a Mason.

14. March 25, 1940. To the request of College View Lodge No. 320, Lincoln, as to the possibility of receiving the petition of a man who had lost his right foot several years ago, I held according to previous decisions, applicant could not be made a Mason.

15. April 25, 1940. To the question of the Master of an Omaha Lodge regarding taking the petition of a man with one leg shorter than the other, due to spinal meningitis years ago, and being informed he could comply with our requirements, I instructed the lodge it would be all right to take his petition. (Based on decision No. 9 of M.W. William A. Robertson, 1938.)

These physical disqualifications have been listed here together as I notice this is an item commented on by many of our recent Grand Masters, so I believe this is a matter deserving of considerable study as few Grand Jurisdictions are as strict as Nebraska. When we see capable, bright, and intelligent men being deprived the privileges of Masonry through some slight physical defect or accident, and men who are not likely to become charges on the Fraternity, one wonders if we are as considerate of our fellow men as we should be, as many of these men are the finest kind of material. One Grand Master states he felt a cork leg was a whole lot better than a cork head. Men becoming Masons around the age of fifty and after, are more likely to become charges than those with slight physical defects. See recommendation No. 7.

The Grand Orator, W. Bro. Dr. Alfred V. Hunter, delivered a very fine oration taking for his subject, "Sailing against the Wind."

There are 292 Chartered Lodges with a membership of 31,330.

M.W. Bro. Edwin P. Crites submits the report of the Foreign Correspondence which is in topical form.

NOVA SCOTIA, 1940—

The 75th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia was convened in Glace Bay, on June 12th, 1940, with M.W. Bro. A. J. MacDonald, Grand Master, presiding. Divine Service was held in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church. The sermon was delivered by R.W. Bro. N. D. Kennedy, Grand Chaplain.

From the Grand Master's address:

"As we are today gathered within those peaceful walls we must appreciate the sad plight of our brethren in European countries. When we read of the indignities to which they are subjected and the cruelties they are suffering, our hearts must go out to them in deep sympathy.

"When we last met in annual session we had just passed through the happy experience of welcoming to our Province His Gracious Majesty the King and his beloved Queen Elizabeth.

"At the same time the war clouds were quite visible and gathered rapidly until three months later the storm broke in all its fury and at this date threatens to envelop the whole civilized world.

"During the last twenty years we have witnessed the rise in Europe of new forms of government and of new philosophies of political economy. Shortly after the World War there was evolved in Russia what was at first called Bolshevism out of this has risen that form of political life which has been labelled Communism. At about the same time, in Italy, under the leadership of Mussolini, came Fascism. A few years later, Hitler introduced into Germany, after some years of effort, what we now call the Nazi rule. These three forms of government possess some features of a common nature, as rule by a dictator, with the associated suppression of freedom of thought and action.

"It was soon seen that the rise of dictatorships constituted a real challenge and a grave menace to our democratic states. Those beliefs which were strongly held by democracies were those most despised by the dictator nations. This was especially true of the Nazi idealism. Dependence on the pledged word was of no value, if to break that pledged word suited their purpose. The pleas of Munich were of no avail. The policy of appeasement, so faithfully advocated by England and France proved to be a failure. At last the democracies were compelled to recognize that Hitler proposed to enforce his rule over all Europe. The democracies decided that now they must take their stand in defence of all those ideals which through the centuries they had come to cherish. Again we are at war with Germany; with a Germany activated by the belief that they are the chosen people, destined to direct the destinies of all people and nations; that their system of government is the only real form.

"We as Masons are vitally affected by the teachings and beliefs of Hitlerism. In our ritual we stress the brotherhood of man; that we should be of service to each other; that in the lodge, we meet upon the level. Hitler would substitute for this the supreme authority as vested in the ruler of the country; that all our actions should be at all times under his control; that there is no such thing as equality among men.

Masonry teaches freedom of thought and action; it in no manner interferes with one's views as regards religion and politics. We are all well aware that no such freedom is allowed in a Nazi state.

"These illustrations should suffice to indicate that Masonry and the Nazi belief cannot exist under the same ruler.

"Can it be that we of the democracies are to see the overthrow of all those ideals which we as Masons and as citizens hold as our very birthright? Can we believe for a moment that such ideals are to be replaced by Nazi force? We cannot be Masons and so believe. We as Masons must hold a steadfast belief that the Supreme Architect of the Universe is still our God; that those ideals based upon the teachings of Holy Writ shall and must prevail; that, though we are passing through a critical period, right shall conquer over might; that by grim steadfastness when the outlook seems darkest, and by undaunted courage based on a belief in what is right, democracy shall finally triumph over its foes. Such a creed I would commend to you as Masons to hold and to cherish.

"God in His heaven
All's right with the world.

"Let us here as Masons in annual session assembled reaffirm our loyalty to His Gracious Majesty the King and pray that the Great Architect may ever have him in His Holy Keeping to the end that Peace, Happiness and Prosperity may again be enjoyed on the earth.

"O God of Love, O King of Peace,
Make wars throughout the world to cease
The wrath of sinful man restrain
Give peace, O God, give peace again.' "

The reports of the D.D.G.M.'s show the Craft in this Jurisdiction to be in a healthy condition. During the year 25 Fifty-year Jewels were presented and among the recipients was Bro. Daniel A. McDonald, of San Benito Lodge No. 211 Hollister, California, made a Mason in Queen's Lodge No. 34 Sherbrooke, Guysboro County, May 30th, 1865.

There are 84 Lodges with a membership of 8,358.

No reviews.

NEVADA, 1940—

The 76th Annual Communication was convened at Virginia City, on June 13th, 1940.

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Carlson, in his address reported a net gain of 54 in total membership the largest gain since 1929. He also visited every Lodge in his Jurisdiction and found them in good shape, and installed the Officers of 14 of the Lodges. W. Bro. Montrose delivered a very fine oration, taking for his subject "Why be a Mason?" M.W. Bro. E. C. Peterson, P.G.M., Grand Secretary, submitted the report on Fraternal Correspondence. Manitoba for 1939 coming under review.

NEW BRUNSWICK, 1940—

The 73rd Annual Communication was held in the City of Saint John, on the 22nd of August, 1940.

R.W. Bro. R. Donald Stewart, Deputy Grand Master, presiding.

Tribute was paid to the late esteemed Grand Master, John Thornton, the first time that a Grand Master has been called to the Celestial Lodge above while holding office.

The Grand Secretary reports 44 Lodges with a membership of 5162, a decrease of 62.

The Committee of the Fund of Benevolence reported that nine applications had been received and all aid asked for, \$950.00—was granted.

No reviews.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1940—

The 81st Semi-Annual Communication was held in the City of Manchester, on November 21st, 1940.

M.W. Bro. Warren H. Tucker, Grand Master. The principle business at this time appears to have been the exemplifying of degrees.

The Annual Communication was held on May 15th, 1940, in Concord. The Grand Master made many visits in his Jurisdiction among which was a visit to a real veteran Bro. Joseph D. Howe, on the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of his being raised to the Master Mason Degree, at this time the Grand Master had the honor of presenting this grand old man with a special medal, Bro. Howe is approaching his ninety-ninth birthday and is still hale and hearty. We wish him good health to wear his decoration.

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters show that they have been giving close attention to their duties during the year. From the report of Returns there are 81 Lodges with a total membership of 12,960. All Lodges are being circularized with a view of obtaining an expression of opinion on the matter of presenting special buttons for Twenty-five year members.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is submitted by M.W. Bro. J. Melvin Dresser, P.G.M., who fraternally reviews Manitoba for 1939.

NEW JERSEY, 1940—

Emergent Communications were held April 29th, 1939, and November 18th, 1939, both for cornerstone layings.

The 153rd Annual Communication was held in Trenton, on April 17th, 1940. M.W. Bro. Joseph C. Imhoff, Grand Master, presiding. Twenty-three Past Grand Masters were present. R.W. Bro. James F. Russell, Manitoba's representative was present.

From the Grand Master's Address:

AGE OF APPLICANTS

"The attention of the brethren is directed to the consideration of the age of applicants to the fraternity. The experience in recent years of Masonic Home and Charity Foundation in considering applicants for admission to the Home or for receiving assistance from the Charity Foundation has been that a number of the applicants, while of an advanced age, have been members of the fraternity a comparatively short time. When these brethren were made Masons, the lodges were given to understand that they were in independent financial circumstances, and that the likelihood of their becoming burdens upon the fraternity was remote.

"The distressing conditions of the past ten years has been a deciding factor in a change in their financial status and we now find the fraternity confronted with requests for support.

"There is a period of reconstruction ahead for Masonry and it would seem from experience that the lodges would do well in passing upon applications, to give consideration to the useful years ahead of those who are applying for our privileges, and select those who can be of service to the Craft."

MEMBERS OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

"Brethren of our jurisdiction are much concerned by changes that have taken place in Masonic Grand Lodges in countries throughout the world. The causes that have brought these changes are not clearly known to us. The problems of first importance to us are how to meet the needs of the worthy members among them and how to properly accommodate them should they apply to our lodge for fraternal visitation.

"Events of recent years have indicated to us that we should be prepared to receive many applications from brethren coming to our shores from countries that are disturbed by tumultuous wars and by changes in every phase of their social and economic life. History teaches us that recovery is slow after the establishment of peace. Opportunity for individual rehabilitation and for orderly progress will be limited by the great burdens placed upon all peoples. These factors may well be considered sufficient reasons for men in those countries to turn their thoughts toward our land of freedom, democracy and equal opportunities. Even now as we may imagine countless numbers making plans to escape their blighted futures after the end of their present difficulties by going to lands where they may start anew and find opportunities for natural expression.

"Our fraternity has ever been helpful to distressed brethren and will continue to distinguish itself by its Charities. Its members realize that while they are possessed by sympathetic natures, their responsibilities to the Craft require that they be zealous in protecting its future by carefully weighing all requests for assistance and admission to its lodges. That we may be prepared to cope with new problems arising in these respects, the following presentation is offered for your consideration.

"Several lodges in our jurisdiction have received applications for affiliation from members of Grand Lodges located in countries where governmental prohibitions have been placed on Masonic activities. The quality of these applicants appears to be good. Permission to visit our lodges has been given in at least one case and after a year of attendance the visitor has petitioned the lodge for membership by affiliation. The applicant does not appear to possess the necessary credentials to satisfy our requirements for admission.

"We gladly extend a fraternal hand to our brethren from other Grand Jurisdictions who conform with our requirements. We exceedingly regret that we cannot waive our requirements and grant them the privilege of visiting our lodge for even a limited period, due to conflict with our restrictions of visitation placed on our own members who have been suspended for the simple infraction of our regulations caused by their failure to pay dues.

"Brethren who cannot prove continuous membership obviously do not pay dues and cannot be favored above our own members in this respect.

"Other Grand Lodges may enact or grant ways and means for these applicants to visit their lodges for a limited time. Our lodges should exercise great care not to admit brethren seeking admission while holding limiting certificates of visitation issued by other jurisdictions.

"Many brethren of Grand Lodges in other countries have lost possession of their fraternal clothing, certificates and other evidence of their affiliation. The only evidence of Masonic membership is their knowledge of the Work. This, unfortunately, is not sufficient for affiliation in our jurisdiction as is required by the Digest of Masonic Laws, Edition of 1931."

The Masonic Reviews are submitted by R.W. Bro. David McGregor, Manitoba for 1939 being dealt with generously.

NEW MEXICO, 1940—

The 63rd Annual Communication was held at Santa Fe, on October 21st, 1940.

M.W. Bro. Louis C. Rockett, Grand Master, presiding. Ten Past Grand Masters were in attendance.

Four special Communications of Grand Lodge were held during the year.

OPEN AIR MEETING

The Brethren of Deming Lodge No. 12 sponsored an Out Door Meeting on the evening of June 19th, in the open

hills north of Gage. The brethren began to assemble about five p.m., with refreshments served nearly an hour later. At eight o'clock the Lodge was opened under special dispensation, and the Third Degree conferred. After the degree work was completed, several short talks were given by the brethren. Right Worshipful Brother Bert A. Robbins, Grand Marshal, and the only Grand Lodge Officer present, except the District Deputy, gave a very fine talk on the effectiveness of the Third Degree in the open on a candidate. There were present approximately one hundred and thirty registered, and probably a few more who had not. Lodges were represented from coast to coast, especially numerous from the adjacent jurisdictions of Texas and Arizona.

A similar open air meeting was staged in California. The officers and members of Canby Cross Lodge No. 679, at Tulalake respectfully requested the Grand Master and other Grand Officers of this Grand Lodge to attend the conferring of the Third Degree in Masonry atop Prisoners Rock near Tulalake at sundown on the evening of Saturday, July 13th, 1940. However, due to the long distances, the kind invitation was respectfully declined.

Thus Masonry uses some of these unusual stunts to endeavor creating more and more interest in the Fraternity."

Freemasonry in New Mexico continues to prosper in a satisfactory condition there are 55 Lodges with a membership of 6062, a net gain of 58. This Jurisdiction is one of the few to show an increase in membership.

The Report of Foreign Correspondence is submitted by M.W. Bro. John Milne, P.G.M., and includes Manitoba for 1939.

NEW SOUTH WALES, 1940—

The 52nd Annual Report covers special and quarterly Communications held from June 23rd, 1939, to June 12th, 1940. 613 Lodges reported a total membership of 61,605 an increase of 596.

M.W. Bro. His Excellency Brig. Gen. Lord Gowrie, V.C., was re-elected as Grand Master. The following extract from the Grand Master's address is quoted:

REFUGEES FROM CENTRAL EUROPE

"During the past twelve months there has been a considerable influx into this State of refugees from Central Europe. Many of these claim to have been members of Masonic Lodges in their home countries, and have been endeavoring to make contact with our Lodges, but naturally without success, as they were unable to produce any documentary evidence of membership, having been deprived of all Masonic papers when leaving. As the question of their recognition as Masons presented considerable difficulties, I felt that, before taking any action, I should like to know what was being done in the Old Country, which I felt sure had been confronted with a similar problem. I accordingly instructed the Grand Secretary to write to the Grand Lodge of England, and inquire what their attitude on the question was. The reply of the Grand Secretary of England was to the effect that his Board of General Purposes had decided, after careful consideration, that any person who claimed to be a Mason, but was unable to produce documentary evidence of the fact, would have to be proposed, initiated, passed and raised *de novo*, when, of course, he would be entitled to a Certificate and all privileges. I think this Grand Lodge cannot do better than follow in this matter the lead of the great Mother Grand Lodge of the World, and I now decree accordingly."

The M.W. Pro Grand Master, Col. F. A. Maguire, C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D., gave a very full report on his trip to the Old Land to attend the Installation Ceremony of H.R.H. the Duke of Kent, as Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England.

The Grand Inspector of Workings, V.W. Bro. Robert Wain, mentions in his report:

"A noticeable feature during the quarter is the large number of occasions on which a father has initiated his own son, whilst an instance is recorded of the Worshipful Master initiating his son and also his brother at the one meeting. Another very unique ceremony performed during the period, was the initiation of a blind candidate, who, by his subsequent remarks proved that he fully appreciated the honor that had been conferred on him."

NEW YORK, 1940—

The One Hundred and Fifty-ninth Annual Communication was held in New York City, on May 7th and 8th, 1940. M.W. Bro. Dana B. Hellings, presiding.

Manitoba was represented by R.W. Bro. Edwin W. Seager. Grand Lodge prepared a voluminous and well organized report of 519 pages.

The proceedings were opened with an able and inspiring address by the Grand Master, and covers some 20 pages. This being his second year in the office of Grand Master he speaks with added experience and covers the whole field of Masonic endeavor. It is impossible in the short space at my disposal to touch upon all the gems in his address:

"This fraternity," he says, "in idea and practice, is a tremendous thing, possessing incalculable power and capable of immeasurable influence and accomplishment."

His experiences in the exalted office are tersely stated, and are common to all who have held a similar position. He says:

"Through the whole texture of my administration, like beautiful threads of gold, have been woven associations and friendships and experiences based on them, which cannot be spoken, because they are so indescribably choice. They give human life its relish. Recollections of them will be with me as long as consciousness lasts."

He strongly advocates visitations by Grand Lodge Officers to Constituent Lodges as a major duty, and as likely "to improve Lodge leadership, programmes and management, to convince the Brethren that Masonry knows where it is going today; that its course is definite and, that its goal is worthwhile and glorious, and to encourage them sensibly and constructively to maintain and improve their Craftsmanship."

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

With regard to Life Membership, which has long been a subject for discussion in this Grand Jurisdiction, he says:

"Life Memberships have definitely injured some Lodges. Sometimes they have become so numerous in a single Lodge as to make the carrying of all Lodge expenses by the rest of the members an unbearable burden. Where Life Members, because of their number and attitude have become a parasitic load on a Lodge, the Lodge cannot rid itself of the load, it needs relief, and sees no way to obtain it."

In concluding his Report, he strikes a high note in touching upon World Conditions today:

"As Grand Lodge looks ahead into another year, it faces the blackest horizon the world has ever seen. To think that in our day of established religions, profound philosophies, advanced culture, refined sensibilities, the highest peak of civilization, there can be such streams of blood and tears. The minds of many men are filled with evil, their hearts with selfishness and hate. Let us not lose faith in our Freemasonry or doubt its mission, or curb our efforts to accomplish its success. Let us rather recall that we are under the eye of God, and that our principal tenet—Brotherly Love, teaches us, to regard the human race as one family, the high, the low, the rich, the poor as created by one Almighty Parent, and inhabiting the same planet, should aid, support and protect one another and so march forward."

MASONIC REFUGEES

A special Committee on Masonic Refugees has been set up for the purpose of assisting those distressed brethren arriving in the country. Grand Lodge, a year ago, made available the sum of \$20,000.00 for this purpose, and additional donations augmented this amount to over \$31,000.00. The report of this committee in part states, that:

"The activities of the Committee have been confined to granting relief in the form of modest loans. We are not dealing with men who wanted to accept money gratuitously. We are dealing with men like ourselves, many of them of great prominence in their own countries, who landed here stripped of everything but the clothes on their backs, etc."

All praise to the New York Masonic Brethren for their true Masonic spirit.

MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCES

The Grand Secretary reports 1037 Lodges in the Grand Jurisdiction, with a total membership of 249,855 and showing a net loss of 6,079 for the year. The total income received by Grand Lodge was \$274,177 showing a net surplus of \$104,000. This indicates a very healthy condition.

ORGANIZED CHARITIES AND BENEVOLENCE

The trustees in their report reflect the true Masonic spirit:

"Charity is one of the cardinal virtues. It has always been a component part of Masonic belief. A pre-eminent article of Masonic teaching. One of its greatest activities, if not the most important of Masonic practices. Faith and Charity rank next to our belief in God and the Brotherhood of Man. These four are the basic constituent elements of Masonry."

These brethren evidently practice what they preach. A sum of \$430,240.00 was spent in maintenance of the Masonic Home at Utica, and a further sum of \$124,600.00 on outside and tubercular relief, etc. To meet these huge expenditures, the trustees received the sum of \$677,699.00 from per capita tax and Grand Lodge fees, interest from endowments, etc.

It is worthy of note that since 1893, 2497 men, 1198 women, 506 boys and 356 girls, a total of 4557 indigent human beings received loving care, at a cost of \$10,850,000.00 from the hands of the Masons of New York—a truly phenomenal record.

NEW ZEALAND, 1940—

The 51st Annual Communication was held in the Masonic Hall, Wellington, on November 27th, 1940.

M.W. Bro. C. J. Ronaldson, Grand Master, presiding.

There being only one nomination for Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Campbell L. McDairmid was declared elected.

At the Kirkpatrick Masonic Institute, 19 girls are being cared for, and boys at the Papakura Masonic Home.

From the Report of the Board of the Board of General Purposes we cull the following:

CONFERRING DEGREES AT ILLEGAL INTERVALS

A serious breach of the Constitution was committed by a Lodge in passing and raising candidates at intervals of less than seven days between Degrees.

The Lodge was severely reprimanded and ordered to reobligate the candidates in the Second and Third Degrees at intervals of not less than seven days.

The Board strongly recommends to all Lodges that Committees be set up to look after the interests of the wives and dependents of those of their brethren who leave our shores on active service.

Over two hundred of our members have expressed a desire to care for children of British Freemasons who come to New Zealand for the duration of the war. The Board has been in close touch with the Grand Secretary, United Grand Lodge of England, in the matter. In this connection a Masonic Reception Committee, under the chairmanship of the Provincial Grand Master, Wellington District, has been set up to co-operate with the Government.

Shortly after the outbreak of the war the Board recommended to Lodges that the following prayer be said at every meeting.

"Great Architect of the Universe who hast made of one blood all nations of men, mercifully receive the prayers that we offer for our war-stricken world. Send Thy light into our darkness and guide the nations as one family into the way of peace. Take away all prejudice and hatred and fear. Strengthen in us day by day the will to understand. To those who by their counsels lead the peoples of the earth, grant a right judgment, and a clear insight into Thy purpose so that Thy will may be done."

It is pleasing to know that the suggestion was put into practice immediately.

Many Lodges have also adopted the Board's suggestions that one verse of the National Anthem be sung immediately before the closing of the Lodge and one verse of New Zealand's National Song, "God Defend New Zealand," in the refectory.

R.W. Bro. G. T. Bull represented Manitoba at this time.

There are 304 Lodges with a membership of 26,491, an increase of 307.

Reviews of Proceedings received from other Grand Lodges are published monthly in "The New Zealand Craftsman".

NORTH CAROLINA, 1940—

The Grand Lodge of North Carolina convened in its 153rd Annual Communication in Raleigh, on April 16th, 1940. The opening took place in Ample Form with M. W. J. Edward Allen, Grand Master, presiding. There were also thirteen past Grand Masters present. From the Grand Master's address we noticed that he reports for the first time since 1937, that there is a net gain in membership. He reports also making numerous visits, and he visited the District Meetings in every district of the State. He also made a survey of the lists of Grand Representatives, and he has been checking upon those brethren with regard to their attendance at Grand Lodge, and has made numerous changes which no doubt will be for the best. We quote from his remarks on "World Conditions".

"Brethren, the world picture as these lines are written does not look excessively rosy for Masonry. The British Empire, that great Bulwark of Freemasonry, is in danger of complete disintegration; Great Britain itself, is gravely endangered; Scandinavia, another hospitable home of Freemasonry, is in an exceedingly difficult position and may have to bend toward the wishes of the dictators; France is in precarious situation as to internal conditions and the war as well. It may come to pass that Freemasonry may be virtually wiped off the face of the earth except in the Americas. We are daily building a stronger navy which could be needed only

in the event of the defeat or partial defeat of the so-called Allies; men are thinking in terms of what will happen to this or that 'in the possible emergency' in this continent. What is just around the corner no man knows. Let us hope and pray that it may be for the best for all of us, and that in this darkness we may see the stars of hope. It remains for us so to strengthen Freemasonry from within that when there is an emergency the spiritual values of Freemasonry in men's lives will be of vast value to this our country. Let us strive to that end."

From the returns we notice that there are 331 Lodges with a total membership of 26,755 a gain of 34.

The address delivered by the Grand Orator Bro. Hubert M. Poteat who took for his address the subject "In Whom Do You Put Your Trust", was of an inspiring nature.

The report on Foreign Correspondents is of a topical nature and is submitted by the Grand Master.

NORTHERN CHINA, 1940—

Minutes of a Regular Meeting held in the Masonic Temple, Tientsin, on Tuesday, October 22nd, 1940.

This small booklet of only nineteen pages is remarkable, not for what it contains but what may be read between the lines. Of the eighteen Grand Officers, nine were in an acting capacity. Worshipful Brother P. H. B. Kent as District Grand Master in the absence of Right Worshipful Brother William Nation and Worshipful Brother Sims as D.D.G.M. in the absence of Worshipful Brother H. E. Middleton. During the assembly, eight of the officers who were unable to be present at the Regular Meeting held in Shanghai, on March 22nd, 1940, were invested, "in spirit if not in fact owing to the absence of regalia."

Holding authority under the United Grand Lodge of England this Outpost of the Empire in North China is laboring under many difficulties and has to be commended for the splendid work which it is doing. The standard it sets is shown in the communication calling the meeting.

Shanghai, 1st October, 1940.

Dear Sir and Worshipful Brother:

By command of the Right Worshipful District Grand Master, a Regular Meeting of this District Grand Lodge will be held at the Masonic Temple, Racecourse Road, Tientsin, on Tuesday, 22nd October, 1940, at 5.45 o'clock p.m. prompt.

All Present and Past Officers of District Grand Lodge together with the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters and Wardens of the several Lodges of the District, as Members of the District Grand Lodge, are hereby summoned to attend in Evening Dress and Full Dress Masonic Craft Clothing with Craft and Royal Arch Jewels.

All Master Masons being subscribing members of a Lodge within the District, or of a Lodge under a Sister Constitution, are cordially invited to attend.

Officers and Members unable to be present are requested to notify the undersigned as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

T. G. BAILLIE, D.A.G.,
Acting D.G. Secretary.

Wor. Bro. P. H. McIntyre, District Grand Superintendent of the District Grand Lodge of Scottish Freemasonry in North China, accompanied by District Grand Officers was received and saluted according to usual custom.

In the Acting District Grand Secretary's Report the following is noted:

"Postal communication within the District has been somewhat easier during the period under review, but thanks are again due to those Brethren who have rendered valuable assistance by conveying regalia, etc., to the Outposts.

"Communication with England, however has become more difficult; and in order that the work of the District should not be unduly interrupted, extra supplies of G.L. Certificates, Forms, etc., have been acquired.

On 20th March, Wor. Bro. E. P. Higgs proceeded on home leave and the secretarial work was placed in charge of the District Assistant G.S.

"The membership of the District at December 31st, stood at 974 a loss of 2 for year."

In the visitations it is noted that visits were made to, District Grand Lodges under the Massachusetts, Scottish and Philippine Constitutions.

Worshipful Bro. Kent, Acting District Grand Master, read the address from R.W. D.G.M. Bro. Nation in which he states that regarding Masonic Jewels to be sent home to the Treasury:

"I am informed that there are custom regulations forbidding the export from China of articles of silver and gold, which regulations we, as Masons, must necessarily uphold. District Grand Lodge cannot, therefore accept Masonic Jewels to be forwarded to London. There is nothing, however, to prevent the individual Brother from taking his own Masonic Jewels to London, when he goes there, and then using his discretion regarding their disposal."

In my report to Grand Lodge last spring, I recorded the difficulties which had to be overcome by brethren in China, especially in Tientsin and you will be encouraged to hear that the Grand Secretary replied in the following terms:

"It is remarkable that the Lodges have been able to continue working and great credit is due to all the Brethren for the sacrifices they are making on behalf of the Craft."

With the lifting of the Japanese blockade of Tientsin on 20th of June last, your local conditions have improved, but conditions cannot be considered normal until peace is restored to China.

At our last meeting reference was made to steps then taken to save Daintree Lodge No. 2938, Weihaiwei. With the kind co-operation of the Rt. Wor. District Grand Master of Hong-kong and South China and the approval of the Grand Lodge, Daintree Lodge has been granted a dispensation to work in Hong-kong for the duration of the war, after which they hope to return to their former meeting place in Weihaiwei

River communication with Hankow continues very restricted and a Japanese military permit is still demanded before travelling. Under these conditions it has been impossible for an official visit to be made to Far Cathy Lodge No. 2855. The Lodge is to be congratulated however, on continuing its work successfully in spite of these restrictions.

Nine Proceedings of Grand Lodges are acknowledged with thanks and among them are the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba for 1940.

NORTH DAKOTA, 1940—

Fifty-first Annual Communication, Fargo, North Dakota, June 18-19, 1940. Grand Master Presiding, M.W. Brother Harry W. Gill. Grand Master Elected, M.W. Brother Eugene Naylor. Grand Secretary, M.W. Brother Walter L. Stockwell, Fargo, North Dakota. Lodges 123; Members 10,937; Loss 206.

The Grand Representative of Manitoba, was in attendance. We were further represented by our Grand Master M.W. Brother W. D. Lawrence. Other distinguished visitors were present from Minnesota, Wisconsin, South Dakota, Montana and Iowa.

M.W. Brother Louis B. Hanna the surviving member of those who organized the Grand Lodge in 1889 and first Grand Tyler and former Governor of the State, was presented by Deputy Grand Master John Moses, present Governor of the State, and received with Grand Honors.

Fifteen Masons of Fifty years standing were presented and included one brother past ninety years of age and another eighty-nine years of age, this was the largest group ever presented and were accorded Grand Honors.

The Grand Master's address indicated a very busy and successful year. Several changes were made in the boundaries of Masonic Districts in the best interest of Free

Masonry. The time of year for District meetings was changed from spring to fall. The Grand Master, a constant visitor during his term of office, included eight visits to Manitoba. Two Masonic Temples were dedicated during the year, Mohall No. 73 and Hiram No. 20. Goose River Lodge No. 19 of Portland and Dakota Lodge No. 55 of Mayville were consolidated in conformity with the order of the Grand Master and the new Lodge known as Goose River Lodge No. 19 of Mayville, was consummated by a special communication of Grand Lodge on November 14th, 1939. Star in the West Lodge No. 33 celebrated its Golden Jubilee in Minot, on May 9th, 1940. The Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master taking part in the programme. The Grand Master paid fitting tribute to the passing of M.W. Brother Robert E. Trousdale who so graciously presided in the Grand East at the Golden Jubilee Communication a year ago. At the conclusion of his report the Grand Master has this to say, "A report is but a cold thing at best. Just a more or less orderly array of facts and figures that fail to reflect any of the fire of enthusiasm; the joy of good-fellowship; or the satisfaction of attainment, that accompanies the doing of the transactions recorded. These emotions will live only in the memories of those who have participated.

"While war clouds gather thick above us, may we all remember that God is still in His Heaven; and may we stand firmly for those great principles of liberty, justice, equality and fraternity that we enjoy. A heritage for which our forefathers devoted their lives; and for which some have even dared to die.

"That which is done, is done. Its evil or its good will be reflected throughout the years to come."

Fraternal Correspondence is presented by Walter H. Murfin, Past Grand Master, in a most interesting manner. Manitoba received most liberal and kindly attention.

OHIO, 1940—

The One Hundred and Thirty-first Annual Communication of Grand Lodge of Ohio was held in Canton, October 16th and 17th, 1940.

Most Worshipful Bro. Dillon Crist, Grand Master, and all Officers of the Grand Lodge were present, including thirteen of the seventeen Past Grand Masters, and only eight of the 623 Lodges were not represented.

After the usual ceremony of opening, at the request of the Grand Master, the Senior Grand Deacon brought forward Brother George P. Craig, a member of Canton Lodge No. 60, ninety-seven years of age, and who has been a Mason for seventy-three years. The Grand Master expressed his pleasure that Bro. Craig was able to be present, and he was given a warm welcome.

Of the eighty-four brethern serving as Grand Representatives of other Grand Lodges near the Grand Lodge of Ohio, only thirteen failed to answer the roll call. The Grand Tyler, Bro. Wm. H. Maddox, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, was among those present.

The Grand Master in his address regretted the net loss for the year of 915 members and in regard to suspensions for non-payment of dues made the following remarks which should have special attention of all Jurisdictions:

“At the beginning of the year emphasis was given to Restorations and Suspensions. During the last ten years a great number of those who, at one time, were sufficiently interested in Masonry to ask for admittance have been suspended for nonpayment of dues. In some cases perhaps dues were not paid because of lack of interest in Masonry and its ideals, and a few others seeking for admission did so with a selfish motive in mind. That these men are no longer in good standing in Freemasonry does not signify a loss to our Fraternity. But on the other hand, there must be a great number of men who, because of pride, would not let their true financial position be made known or, for other reasons, permitted themselves to be suspended for nonpayment of dues, who would welcome an opportunity to reinstate themselves at this time. I suggest to all Masters and all who may be Masters that these worthy, deserving men be contacted and given an explana-

tion of the procedure necessary to reinstate themselves in their Lodge. This should not be the task left to one or two men in the Lodge, but every officer, and every interested Brother should make himself a committee of one to see that these men are approached in the proper manner. We should not expect the Secretary or any other one Officer to do all this work, especially in the larger Lodges. A competent Committee should be appointed to contact the Brethren and ascertain, if at all possible, the true situation before action is taken. These men need that which Masonry has to offer to them, and Masonry in turn needs what they can contribute. Let us continue to work for better attendance at our meetings, restoration of all worthy and deserving Brethren and continue to use caution in our suspensions. In January of this year a check for \$500.00 was authorized by your Grand Master and forwarded through the Grand Secretary's office to the Grand Secretary of the United Grand Lodge of England; this money to be used by them for relief of wounded soldiers who are members of the Fraternity. England is the home of Freemasonry as we know it today, and to the United Grand Lodge of England we owe much. It seemed to me that the least we could do was to send this check, not so much for its material value, but as a token of our fraternal love to our Brethren in England in their hour of trial."

A copy of the reply, from C. H. Thorpe, Joint Honorary Secretary of the Royal Masonic Hospital where the check was sent by Sydney White, Grand Secretary of the United Grand Lodge of England is given in the proceedings and full details are given of the work of the Hospital among the wounded as well as expressing sincere thanks for the generous gift and the sentiments expressed in their letter. The Grand Master went on to suggest that an additional check for \$1,000.00 be forwarded in the very near future to the Grand Secretary of the United Grand Lodge of England as a further expression of our fraternal love and sympathy for our brethren who are suffering untold hardships in that country.

There were eight cornerstones laid by the Grand Lodge during the Grand Master's term of office, and nine Temples and Lodge rooms have been dedicated.

It is regretfully noted that the Grand Master had to notify all the Lodges in the Grand Jurisdiction of the rather flagrant violation of Section 91 of the Code of the using of Masonry for Political and Commercial advancement.

During his year of office the Grand Master made 143 visits which included 24 district meetings, 70 Lodge meetings, and 49 miscellaneous meetings. One of these he mentioned was to Toronto, Ontario, which is commented on as follows:

"On June 7 and 8 I accompanied the Brethren of Brooklyn Lodge No. 454, of Cleveland, to Toronto, Ontario, where we were the guests of St. George Lodge. To attempt to describe the hospitality and courtesy that was shown your Grand Master as well as those who accompanied him would require pages of our Proceedings. Suffice it to say that the members of St. George were the perfect host."

The report of the Committee on Grievances says:

"Your Committee on Grievances are of the opinion that our Grand Lodge is getting better, every day in every way, as once more there has been nothing presented to your Committee to be considered in the nature of a grievance."

The report of the Committee on Necrology contains the names of Most Worshipful Brothers Andrew Browning Baird and Henry Lamont Adolph, Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

"We do not sigh when golden skies have donned
The purple shadows and the gray of night,
Because we know the morning lies beyond
And we must wait a little while for light.

"So when, grown weary with the care and strife,
Our loved ones find in sleep the peace they crave,
We should not weep, but learn to count this life
A prelude to the one beyond the grave."

The Committee of Ways and Means and Accounts approves the recommendation that our Historian be authorized and instructed to prepare a fourth volume, and that after it is ready for distribution one copy be sent to each Subordinate Lodge.

A very full report is given of the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, 1940, in the reviews.

Total membership given at July 31st, 1940: 172,403. The next Annual Communication will be held in Columbus, Ohio, October 15th and 16th, 1941.

Most Worshipful Brother Charles R. Wilson is Grand Master.

OKLAHOMA, 1940—

The 32nd Annual Communication was held at Guthrie, on February 13th, 1940.

M.W. Bro. Charles H. Everett, Grand Master, presiding. Manitoba's representative R.W. Bro. Clyde Ray was in attendance.

The Grand Master reports having travelled more than 41,000 miles by automobile and visited many Lodges and districts and found the general condition of the Craft excellent.

Six Lodges were consolidated and two Charters were surrendered, also a number of Emergent Communications were convened for the purpose of laying cornerstones.

From the Report of the Board of Control of the Masonic Homes, we cull the following:

ENDOWMENT FUND

We should constantly endeavor to increase our Endowment Fund as the receipts from the Grand Lodge per capita tax have been steadily decreasing from year to year and the revenue from the endowment should be a very vital factor in the support of the Homes.

The Grand Jurisdictions that have met with the greatest success in building up an endowment are those that have been persistent in their endeavors, not by drives but by keeping this important matter constantly before the Craft.

There are many Masons who have money and property with no immediate relatives to leave it to when they pass on, who if they understood the need, would be glad to leave something to help our Homes. A little effort to enlighten our membership will produce results and every individual Mason who is able should be encouraged to contribute annually, large or small gifts, to this worthy cause. Brothers, this is a good subject to use when talking on the activities of our Homes.

This might well be taken as an example for other Jurisdictions to follow. In the Children's Home, there are 37 boys and 37 girls while the Home for the aged cares for 46 men and 46 women.

R.W. Bro. Clyde N. Ray, Grand Orator, delivered an inspiring address taking for his subject "Masonry's Challenge."

The report of Committee on Correspondence is submitted by M.W. Bro. C. A. Sturgeon, Grand Secretary. Manitoba is not included.

OREGON, 1940—

Ninetieth Annual—Portland, June 12, 13, 14, 1940. Grand Master Presiding, M.W. Bro. Leif S. Finseth. Grand Master Elected, M.W. Bro. Earl W. Snell. Grand Secretary, M.W. D. Rufus Cheney, Portland, Oregon. Lodges 171; Members 24,026; Loss 180. Largest Lodge, Washington Lodge No. 46, Portland, 933 members. Smallest Lodge, Siuslaw Lodge No. 192, Mapleton, 20 members. Bro. Wilmot K. Royal, Grand Representative for Manitoba, was present.

The Nintieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Oregon was opened by M.W. Bro. Leif S. Finseth,

in Ample Form at 10:00 a.m., June 12th, 1940. After the invocation by R.W. Bro. Raymond B. Walker, Grand Chaplain, R.W. Bro. D. Rufus Cheney, Grand Secretary, called the roll of Grand Lodge officers, all of whom were present.

Bro. Joseph K. Carson, Mayor of Portland, was introduced and welcomed the Grand Lodge on behalf of the city.

Distinguished guests were introduced and most cordially welcomed by the Grand Master and accorded Grand Honors, they included Lloyd E. Wilson, R.W. Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of California, and John A. Emigh, R.W. Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Washington.

Seventeen Past Grand Masters answered the roll call.

The Grand Master gave a thorough and detailed report of his activities during his term of office, travelling over 25,000 miles in the interest of the fraternity. He was called on to fill many vacancies in office one being that of Brother Arthur D. Hay to fill the vacancy of Senior Grand Warden caused by the death of R.W. Bro. George D. Brodie.

Three Masonic Temples were dedicated during the year and four cornerstones laid.

The Grand Master made seven visitations to other Grand Jurisdictions, two of them to Canada, the 68th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia at Victoria and a formal reception held at Vancouver in honor of M.W. Bro. George A. B. Hall, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia. The Grand Master made many other important visitations and was particularly generous in visiting subordinate Lodges. One ceremony of particular interest was the annual observance of the Festival of St. John the Evangelist held December 27th, 1939. Grand Lodge was convened in occasional communication at the Portland Masonic Temple from whence the brethren marched to the First Congregational Church

headed by the Grand Lodge Officers where services appropriate to the occasion were conducted by R.W. Bro. Rev. Raymond B. Walker, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Oregon. This service was both elegant and inspiring and included a most beautiful programme of sacred music.

The Grand Master advocated Lodge publicity by a well directed newspaper publicity of fraternal events, he said the time has come when Masonry should no longer "hide its light under a bushel". Oregon is fortunate in having one of the best Masonic publications in the country, the Masonic Analyst edited and published by Bro. B. Elbert Bede and is performing a real constructive service for Freemasonry.

In speaking of America and Peace the Grand Master has this to say of former men who have tried to master and dominate the world and their subsequent failure:

Progress hates war. We stand for peace and progress. Dictators now, as heretofore, may strut and murder, but they have always left their countries poorer and smaller. History tells us that Alexander, who had conquered the world and sighed for more worlds to conquer, died after a drunken debauch. Hannibal committed suicide while being cruelly and ruthlessly pursued by his enemies. Caesar was assassinated at the very climax of his greatest triumph and dictators from his day to this have met a similar fate. Napoleon, conquered and imprisoned, lived a lonely life and died on the obscure island of St. Helena. It has been claimed that these are the four greatest generals in human history. Not one of them brought happiness to himself or his people. Not one of them made a single permanent contribution to the progress and happiness of the world. Surely, right must prevail over might, and the present day war-mad, power-drunk dictators of Europe will travel the same road as their predecessors.

The reviews are written by M.W. Bro. O. C. Hagmeier, Past Grand Master, and are compiled in a most careful and interesting manner. Manitoba was very generously allotted two pages and received the same careful attention given our neighbors.

PENNSYLVANIA, 1940—

The Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania is divided into four Quarterly Communications, March, June, September and December 4th, with the Annual Communication on December 27th, 1940.

R.W. Grand Master William H. Brehm presided at all sessions and was re-elected as Grand Master for the year 1941. It appears from records that all Grand Masters have served a two year term for the past forty years.

The Annual Communication was opened at Philadelphia, at 10:00 a.m.

In the Grand Master's address the following is of interest:

"On October 19th, 1940, I attended an extra meeting of York Lodge, No. 266, York, and caused Raymond P. Sherwood to be made a Mason at sight."

"At the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, held June 5th, last, a resolution was adopted authorizing the presentation of a 50-year Masonic Service Emblem to all members who have been in good standing 50 years or more, and on September 4th, last, I called a meeting of the District Deputy Grand Masters and directed each of the Deputies to present to the Brethren in their respective districts the emblem which they would receive from the R.W. Grand Secretary. In the presentation of these emblems it was discovered that the oldest Mason in point of service in Pennsylvania is a guest at our Masonic Home at Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania. He is Brother Augustus H. Williams, a member of Titusville Lodge, No. 754, Titusville, Penn., who was initiated in Lodge No. 303, Pennsylvania, May 18, 1865. He has, therefore, been a Mason 75 years."

"At the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge in September last, this Grand Lodge adopted a resolution authorizing the Grand Master to offer assistance to the Freemasons of England, Ireland and Scotland, in taking care of some of the children of their members.

"I feel that this offer was greatly appreciated by the Brethren across the sea and we stand ready to do what we can for them, but up to the present time they feel they can manage the situation in their own way."

Ninety-three visits were made by the Grand Master during the year and does not include fifteen Grand Visitations.

The Grand Secretary's report is given in the March Quarterly Communication and is for 1959, giving the membership as 174,677. Decrease of 3,040.

No reviews.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, 1941—

The 29th Annual Communication was held in the City of Manila, on January 28th, 1941.

10 Past Grand Masters were present. W. Bro. Gonzales T. Vales represented Manitoba.

The reviews of Proceedings of the Grand Jurisdictions are published in "The Cabletow" which we think is a good way of passing this information to the brethren.

There are 102 Lodges with a membership of 5,656 an increase of 225.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, 1940—

The Sixty-fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island, A.F. & A.M., was held in Charlottetown, on Wednesday, June 26th, 1940. M.W. Bro. Harlan P. Found, Grand Master, presided. P.G.M. Bro. Donald Baker, Grand Representative of Manitoba, was in attendance.

In the Grand Master's address it is noted:

"The gradual betterment of mankind by the tender, loving, process of growth, education, evolution, is for the present but the figment of a dream. May God in His infinite mercy, help us as Masons, to keep the fundamental principles of our fraternity, Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, shining brightly, so that all may discern through the dark drab mists of today, those indestructible gems of humanity, and that when again (as sure it will) justice is enthroned, honor regarded, and freedom vindicated, the world may know that while meaner nations palter with the claims of conscience, one bright beacon light of liberty still shines undimmed in the Fraternity of Freemasonry."

The address closes with,

"As we grow older, the thing that becomes more and more clear to us, is the importance of friendships, and I can conceive of no greater satisfaction, than that of conducting myself that I may constantly add to my list of friends, and thereby obtain a fuller measure of life. To live for the most there is in life must mean that we cannot live to ourselves alone. If we wish real success we must work and build together.

"Stand off by yourself in your dreaming
And all of your dreams are vain,
No grandeur of soul or spirit
Can man by himself attain.
It is willed we shall live as brothers,
As brothers then, we must toil,
We must act with a common purpose
As we work in a common soil.
And each, who would see accomplished
The dreams that he's proud to own,
Must strive for the good with his fellows,
For no man can do it alone."

Even although there are not many subordinate lodges in the Grand Jurisdiction it is gratifying to note that the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Grand Secretary, in their reports for the year, have stated that they had visited all the subordinate lodges.

A report is submitted by Past Grand Masters Donald E. Baker and G. Elliot Full on the occasion of their representing the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island at the

installation of H.R.H. The Duke of Kent, K.G., as Grand Master of England. The ceremony was held at Olympia, in London, and was performed by Most Worshipful Brother, His Most Gracious Majesty, The King, in the presence of 80 accredited representatives of other Grand Lodges, 1676 Grand Lodge Officers, and 10,246 Masters, Wardens, and Past Masters of the Grand Lodge of England.

The large auditorium was filled to capacity and it was understood that the Grand Secretary was only able to arrange accommodation for one third of those who applied to attend and who were members of Grand Lodge.

It was a ceremony which for its perfect arrangements, its abounding and loyal enthusiasm, its overflowing Masonic spirit will never be forgotten by those who were present. The Grand Masters of Ireland, Scotland, Massachusetts, and The Netherlands, extended to the new Grand Master the congratulations and Masonic greetings of their own Grand Lodges, and spoke as well on behalf of the other guests present.

At the session of the Grand Lodge of P.E.I., a resolution of sincere loyalty to the person and throne of His Majesty King George was unanimously adopted and \$5,000.00 was donated as a contribution towards the war effort of the British Empire. The Grand Lodge of England to administer the contribution as they, as Masons, see fit.

M.W. Bro. G. Shelton Sharp was elected and installed for 1940-41. Lodge membership 1063. Net loss 12.

No reviews.

QUEBEC, 1940—

A Special Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in Montreal on October 20th, 1940, for the purpose of

amending the Constitution and celebrating the 70th Anniversary of this Grand Lodge, which was instituted on October 20th, 1869.

The 70th Annual Communication was held in the City of Montreal on October 9th, 1940. M.W. Bro. D. McLellan, Grand Master, presiding.

R.W. Bro. Harvey T. Waters has been commissioned as representative for this Jurisdiction near the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

The Grand Master places emphasis on creating and maintaining the interest of the individual Mason. He also issued a timely rebuke to Masons who use Sunday for a sports tournament where a fee is charged and prizes awarded.

The Grand Secretary reports 94 Lodges with a membership of 13,708.

The Reports of the D.D.G.M.'s indicate a satisfactory condition of the Craft throughout the Jurisdiction.

No reviews.

QUEENSLAND, 1940—

Queensland had four Quarterly and one Special Communication during the year. The Special Communication was to announce Grand Master elect, M.W. Bro. His Excellency Col. the Rt. Hon. Sir Leslie Orme Wilson as Grand Master for his sixth term of office.

In his address he says:

"Today, Freemasonry is of greater importance than ever. We live in very troublous times and the Brotherhood of Freemasonry and the brotherly love it teaches is surely more needed today than ever. If nations, which may be our possible enemies, deny, as some

do, the great lessons of Freemasonry to their peoples, it is of greater importance than ever that the great democracies which give freedom of thought and action to their citizens should make full use of our great opportunity and, may I add, our duty as men and as Masons. You well know that exhortation to do your duty in that state of life unto which it shall please the G.A.O.T.U. to call you, and there is no better way in which you can fully understand your duty to Him, your country, and your laws than by a strict adherence inside and outside a Lodge, particularly outside, to the teachings of our profession. We are taught in Freemasonry right living and right thinking—and a religion of Freemasonry is a religion of duty, kindness and useful effort, and the man who is conspicuous by his devotion to the sublime principles of Freemasons must be a good citizen and able to claim that he appreciates the fact that while Truth is a divine work, Duty is a divine law.

“These days of difficulty and doubt should bring us all the nearer to each other, increase and make even more clear to every one of us, our faithfulness in our allegiance and duty to our King, our Empire, our Commonwealth, and our State. No one can say today what will have happened in the world before the next installation of your Grand Master takes place, but, relying on Divine Providence and on the help of the G.A.O.T.U. we can look forward with confidence to the future, if we are prepared to abide by His teaching and are diligent in carrying out the great precepts which we learn as men and as Masons.”

From the report of the Board of General Purposes we quote the following for the information of our readers:

“In order to prevent the Peace and Harmony of the Craft being disturbed, the Board considers it desirable that all brethren who were born in what are now enemy countries and the sons of any such brethren who were born in British Territory at a time when the father was an alien, should not, during the continuance of the state of War, attend any meeting of Grand Lodge or of the District Grand Lodge or of a Private Lodge or any other Masonic meeting. Representations, however, having been made to the Board that this matter of exclusion may not be generally approved, and that the local sentiment in this matter may not be uniform throughout the State, the Board, in consultation with the M.W. Grand Master, leaves the decision in regard to such Brethren to the discretion of individual Lodges according to the balance of opinion therein. In this way the responsibility for interpreting the sentiments of members and preserving peace and harmony will devolve on the Masters of individual Lodges, who nevertheless may take the first portion of this paragraph as authority for action should such be deemed expedient.

"When a brother is initiated into the Craft he is invested with the distinguishing badge of a Freemason, and is informed that it 'is more ancient than the Golden Fleece or the Roman Eagle; more honorable than the Garter or any other order in existence'; and it follows that the right to wear this badge should be regarded as a great privilege and it should be treated with becoming respect. It has been observed and reported to the Board of General Purposes that many brethren—even Past Masters—have been seen passing from the Lodge room and even appearing in public streets with this badge in the reverse position, under the coat tail, where it will probably be sat upon, and thus suffer what may be regarded as most contemptuous treatment. The Board of General Purposes hopes that, having called attention to a practice which may have had an origin in thoughtlessness, all loyal brethren will treat this badge with the respect due to a sacred symbol. Attention is drawn to the last paragraph of Article No. 192, Book of Constitutions, which reads as follows: "Brethren are strictly forbidden to wear emblems of Freemasonry outside a Masonic Lodge.

"The Board has been gratified by the splendid response made by Lodges to the instructions given last June regarding examination and admission of visitors. However, it has been found that this care is seriously frustrated by the fact that a large number of visitors arrive late, especially on the night of Installation, mingle with the brethren who temporarily retire while the Board of Installed Masters is functioning, and enter the Lodge with the brethren who are re-admitted on the resumption of 3rd, 2nd and 1st degrees. By this means, late coming Brethren are admitted without having to produce their documentary credentials and undergo examination as do those who arrive in good time. To assist Lodges to check this irregular—and for many Lodges inconvenient—practice, the Board is issuing cards to be given to retiring brethren for presentation on re-entry as evidence that they had been properly vouched for as proved on admission."

There are no reviews given in the Proceedings.

SASKATCHEWAN, 1940—

The 34th Annual Communication was convened in Saskatoon, on June 19th, 1940.

M.W. Bro. H. M. Underhill on the Throne. Among the distinguished visitors welcomed at this time was M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, who later on addressed the brethren.

REDEDICATION EXERCISES

"The M.W. the Grand Master called on the Grand Chaplain. V.W. Bro. J. W. Pratt, who drew the attention of the Brethren to the fact that we had on our Altar a Volume of the Sacred Law from the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island which Volume had rested on the Altars of several Grand Lodges on the North American Continent. The Grand Chaplain then led the Brethren in rededication exercises and concluded his final prayer with these words: 'We rededicate ourselves to the application of its truths and the practising of its principles.' "

From the Grand Master's address:

"The past year in the affairs of humanity has been a moving picture of lightning changes and great contrasts. We have stood back, in comparative security of distance from the central scenes, amazed and bewildered at the terrible and devastating attacks, devised and perpetrated by man, deliberately shattering those traditions we love, cling to and cherish as essential to our daily lives. We are reminded of our freedom and begin to realize that we have lived without understanding its lifegiving purpose. We look from the present into the dark horizon of the future and wonder what new civilization, what new era is upon us. We, as Masons, ask ourselves what can be done to give it form, to mould it to our hearts' desires, to our ideals. Some in their anxiety say, 'These barbaric and bestial conditions in man are a challenge to Masonry; something must be done by our Order; concerted action must be taken!' That is not so. There never has been or ever will be a challenge to Masonry as long as the ancient landmarks are preserved sacred and inviolable and we never suffer an infringement of our customs, or a deviation from our established usage. The challenge is not to Masonry but it is decidedly a challenge to you and to me as individual Masons. All of us became a Mason with the sincere desire to make himself more extensively serviceable to his fellowmen. The greater the need of our fellowmen, the greater the responsibility and opportunity to serve. That need is growing greater every day. Masonry always has and ever will stand ready and willing to assist us in developing our power to serve. There is a new challenge to each of us to use Masonry in developing that power and to use that power to serve our

fellow creatures. From my own personal experience in meeting and enjoying Masonic fellowship with hundreds of our Brethren throughout the year I believe without any doubt that their original purpose in joining the Order is still alive and active."

The Grand Master is not apparently satisfied with the selection of D.D.G.M.'s and District Meetings, as the results expected are evidently not being produced, so some changes in the selection of the D.D.G.M.'s and arranging of District Meetings may be looked for. The Grand Secretary reports 198 Lodges with total membership of 12,243. The Board of General Purposes makes the following recommendation to constituent Lodges:

"That they instruct all members Overseas not to carry Masonic Credentials out of England."

The Committee on Masonic Education has once again set up a splendid study programme for the ensuing year.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is submitted by M.W. Bro. W. M. Martin. The Manitoba proceedings for 1939 received very kindly reference.

SCOTLAND, 1940—

The Grand Lodge of Scotland holds Quarterly Communications and on May 2nd, 1940, a Past Grand Master's Jewel was presented to M.W. Bro. Brigadier-General Sir Norman A. Orr Ewing, Bart., D.S.O., A.D.C., V.L., Past Grand Master.

At the Annual Communication on November 20th, 1940, M.W. Bro. The Right Hon. Viscount Traprain was re-installed into Office.

The reports by Provincial Grand Masters makes interesting reading to the reviewer who has many pleasant recollections of visiting a number of Lodges in this Jurisdiction.

SCOTLAND, 1941—

Meetings were held by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, on February 6th, March 1st, August 7th, and November 6th, for the Annual Meetings for the installation of Grand Office Brethren, and for the celebration of Festival of St. Andrew. The Rt. Hon. Viscount Traprain, M.W. Grand Master Mason, presiding.

We regret to note the passing of Bro. T. G. Winning, Grand Secretary, and we extend our condolences to our Scottish brethren in the loss of such a prominent member of the Craft.

The Grand Treasurer reports receipt of a donation of £5.2s from Lodge Peace and Concord, Callo, Peru, No. 445, and an offer of gifts from Members of Lodge Scotis, Nairobi, No. 1008, for the relief of brethren and dependents who have suffered during enemy attacks.

Congratulations were extended to Bro. Sir Ian Colquhoun on his appointment by H. M. the King as Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

· No reviews.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 1939—

Fifty-fifth Annual Communication, Adelaide, April 19th, 1939. Grand Master Presiding M.W. Bro. His Honor Mr. Justice Napier, LL.B. Grand Master Elected M.W. Bro. Andrew Douglas Young. Grand Secretary R.W. Bro. R. Owen Fox, P.G.W. Lodges 154. Members 13,432. Loss 113. Grand Representative of Manitoba, E. J. Cooping, P.G.D., present.

Minutes of the Half-Yearly Communication held October 19th, 1938, were taken as read, passed as correct

and duly confirmed. A matter of interest was the celebration by two Grand Lodges in Australia of their Jubilees. One was the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales which was attended by the President of the Board and Grand Lodge Officers from South Australia. The other was the United Grand Lodge of Victoria with an also worthy representation.

After the election of officers a stirring tribute was made to the retiring Grand Master M.W. Bro. the Hon. Mr. Justice Napier by the Grand Master Elect, M.W. Bro. Young, as an expression of appreciation for his contribution to Freemasonry in the Jurisdiction over a period of eleven years as Grand Master, in seconding the motion the Deputy Grand Master said he could say with confidence that no Grand Master of Constitution could claim a more excellent record.

The Grand Master in his farewell address reminded the brethren of the difficult times in which they were living. Masonry was a great and glorious faith and he adjured the brethren to hold and to carry on the Spirit of Freemasonry, to do justice, to love mercy and to walk humbly. If men could only learn that lesson thoroughly and practice it in their daily lives, then the world would be a better place for mankind.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 1940—

A Special Communication was held April 20th, 1939, for the purpose of enabling M.W. Bro. His Excellency Brigadier-General The Rt. Hon. Lord Gowrie, V.C., P.C., G.C.M.G., D.B., D.S.O., Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, to renew acquaintanceship with brethren of this Grand Lodge. Lord Gowrie in his capacity of Governor-General of The Commonwealth, visited Adelaide to perform the Official Opening of the additions to the Parliament House and expressed a wish to meet the brethren

at that time, over 450 Masons attended. At this meeting Lord Gowrie was made an Honorary member of this Grand Lodge.

The Half-yearly Communication as all others, was held at North Terrace, Adelaide, October 18th, 1939, with Grand Master Andrew D. Young on the Throne.

After the National Anthem had been sung Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form. The Report of the Board of General Purposes was approved and it was pointed out that so far as Masonic Ritual was concerned it should be remembered that it was not a matter for lodges to hurry through in order to get to the festive board. It was really the important part in Masonry and should be studied and absorbed by every Mason.

The Annual Communication was held on Wednesday, April 17th, 1940, with the Grand Master presiding. A Constitution Amendment was put and carried that would permit of a dispensation being granted by the Grand Master, to initiate a candidate who was blind.

Grand Master Young was re-elected for the ensuing term. Grand Master Young concluded his address in these words:

"We are entering upon another year and no one knows what is before us. We therefore look to the G.A.O.T.U. who knows and plans from beginning to end, I feel confident that when we meet again everything will go well with us."

In their reviews of Foreign Correspondence Manitoba was splendidly received and reviewed by Bro. Edgar J. Copping.

R.W. Bro. Owen Fox was re-elected as Grand Secretary.

SOUTH CAROLINA, 1941—

The 204th Annual Communication convened in Charleston on March 12th, 1941. M.W. Bro. S. Maner Martin,

Grand Master, presiding. The Grand Master in his Annual Address reports the Craft showing progress.

The War Department notified the Masonic Service Association that it was advisable that a service centre be opened in the City of Columbia for the soldiers at Fort Jackson, which was opened on February 1st, 1941. The Grand Lodge contributed \$1,750.30 being a 10c per capita on the 1939 basis.

Many Lodges were visited during the year, one being an open air meeting at Fountain Inn, at which the Entered Apprentice Degree was conferred.

We note with pleasure that V.W. Bro. C. R. Sayer has been appointed the Grand Representative of this Jurisdiction near the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

Two new Lodges were constituted and one Masonic Hall dedicated and four cornerstones were laid.

The reviews are presented by R.W. Bro. Henry Collins, J.G.W. Manitoba for 1940 receives courteous attention.

SOUTH DAKOTA, 1939—

Sixty-fifth Annual Communication, Mitchell, June 13, 14, 15. Grand Master Presiding, M.W. William H. Hirsch. Grand Master Elected, M.W. Charles C. Smith. Grand Secretary, R.W. W. D. Swain. Lodges 172. Members 14,478. Loss 665.

Grand Representative of Manitoba, W. Bro. Jess H. Thorpe, present. Distinguished visitors were present from Nebraska, North Dakota.

In a very thorough and lengthy address the Grand Master gives an account of his stewardship for the past year in office taking into consideration the conditions of Free-

masonry in his Jurisdiction and making such recommendations as, in his opinion are for the welfare of the Craft, he points out some of the problems the Lodges have to face today, particularly the question of dues, the delinquency of which has much to do with weakening of the structure of the local Lodge.

From the Grand Master's address:

"Dues: At no time in the recent history of this Grand Lodge have the constituent lodges been required to exercise more care and judgment in the administration of their business and financial affairs than in the past two years. Economic loss and unemployment have made it extremely difficult for many brethren to meet their financial obligations to their Lodges, and, as a consequence, Lodge records show an alarming amount of unpaid and delinquent dues. If this perplexing question is to be satisfactorily solved we must first realize that the payment of lodge dues is obligatory upon each of us, and that every Master Mason is expected to bear his just portion of the financial burdens of his Lodge. In recent years the books of some Lodges show from forty to sixty per cent. of the entire membership in arrears in dues ranging from one to five years, and a few cases as high as six or seven years. Heretofore the Lodges have complained that, while it was for the Lodges to work out situations of this kind, Grand Lodge should give them some moral support.

At the last Communication this Grand Body did amend Section 198, by inserting the language "in no case will a Lodge be permitted to carry a delinquent member for more than two years."

When I called the attention of the Constituent Lodges to the amendment of Section 198 of the by-laws, I stated that I hoped they would comply with the by-law. I also realized that there would be some opposition to it, but I must say that I think the opposition was caused by the fact that the above-named question was not fully understood. I received many letters from the secretaries of the Lodges, thanking the Grand Lodge for giving them the moral support which made their collections so much easier. May I quote from just one: "I did not think it could be done, but due to the new amendment to Section 198, I have the dues in this Lodge in better shape than they have been for years."

The Grand Master points out two common types of attacks on Freemasonry, one, the attack which is made when a dictator or an autocrat is unwilling to let people think

for themselves upon civil, religious and intellectual matters, the other type of attack is the attack upon our institution, which attack however is broadcast in the newspapers, and we sit by and do nothing. He, like the Grand Master of Vermont stresses the Declaration of Principles, set forth in full in the review of Vermont, 1939, as suggested by the Grand Masters Conference, 1939, at Washington.

There were no reviews.

SOUTH DAKOTA, 1940—

The 66th Annual Communication was held in Watertown, on June 11th, 1940.

Eleven Past Grand Masters were in attendance. The Grand Master reports an increasing demand for more Masonic education, and commends the General Activities Committee on their efforts in this respect. Improvements in the finances of the Constituent Lodges are reported, even under the adverse economic conditions under which they have been laboring. The Grand Master reports many visits made during the year among which the following is reported.

“November 17, at 6:00 a.m. attended a Sunrise Meeting of Sunrise Lodge No. 211 at Aberdeen, at which time the F.C. Degree was conferred, and after which there was a 7:30 o'clock breakfast. This an annual affair of this Lodge. This meeting was very well attended both by members of Aberdeen and surrounding Lodges.”

Two cornerstones were laid during the year. The Grand Master also reports that general conditions in Masonry throughout this Grand Jurisdiction are showing improvement in many ways.

No reviews.

TASMANIA, 1940—

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient and Accepted Masons of Tasmania was held in Hobart, on the 22nd of February, M.W. Bro. W. A. Downie, Grand Master, presiding.

From the report of the Board of General Purposes we extract the following:

“The Appeal by the Grand Master in October last for Funds to relieve distress caused by Air Raid Bombing in Great Britain was responded to excellently by the Lodges and Brethren, the sum of £2,116 19s. 1d. being received up to 31st December last, when the Fund was closed, including £625 voted by Grand Lodge (£500 Stg., plus Exchange £125). The response has enabled the sum of £2,115 13s. 3d. to be transmitted by cable to the United Grand Lodge of England (£1,692 10s. 7d. Stg., Exchange £423 2s. 8d.) for the purposes mentioned . . . has been in communication with the United Grand Lodge of England in connection with the proposed evacuation of children from Britain to the Dominions, and offered, on behalf of the Freemasons of this Jurisdiction, to take an interest in the welfare of any children of English Freemasons who may be housed in Tasmanian Homes. The Board is now awaiting further advices from England as it is understood the proposed scheme of evacuation has been postponed for the present.”

The Grand Inspector of Lodges reports harmonious relationships prevailing between the several districts.

At this meeting M.W. Bro. W. A. Downie was once again re-elected as Grand Master for the ensuing term. The Grand Master in speaking of the Finances of private Lodges advises that they are being maintained not withstanding the stress of the time and the absence of many brethren on Active Duty, but not with the same gratification that I observe an increase expenditure by some Lodges in the matter of refreshments instead of being maintained as at normal times, refreshments should be severely curtailed. It is an old truism that “Ill wrought by want of thought as well as want of heart.” I have mentioned the

curtailment of refreshments at all proceedings in the South, and now I would like to see this matter attended to by all Lodges.

There are 47 Lodges with a total membership of 4,196.

No reviews.

TENNESSEE, 1941—

The One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Tennessee was held in the Grand Lodge Building, Nashville, on January 29th, 1941.

Most Wor. Bro. Paul F. Lanius, presided over a large and representative gathering. Of the 391 Lodges, only 14 were not represented by the Master or one of the Wardens.

In his address the Grand Master says:

"World conditions are alarming. As we meet in the quiet of this Masonic Temple, envy, hatred, greed, paganism, and the lust to kill and destroy are drenching the earth with human blood and spreading death and destruction over the world. Never has there been a day when so many innocent women and children suffered and died because of the crooked thinking of world leaders. We are witnessing a war initiated by those whose aim seems to be the total destruction of things both material, and spiritual. One by one, nations are being enslaved by stronger nations; the doors of the church are being closed; and Masonry has been banished by practically all the countries on the continent of Europe. Freedom, Truth and Justice, in many parts of the world, are nothing more than mere words listed in the pages of a dictionary."

In speaking of the comparative merits of the institutionalized Home plan as against the system of outside maintenance, the Grand Master had this to say:

"Your attention has been repeatedly called to the fact that this Grand Jurisdiction is not alone in practicing the system of outside maintenance. . . . At the present time we find that

thirty-two Grand Jurisdictions are operating under the same plan. Our system is neither untried nor is it radical. Experience has proved that better results can be obtained for our wards when they are in a natural environment. Children maintained in the home of a mother or of a relative may rapidly take their legitimate places in society, and become citizens of whom the Fraternity may be justly proud. Even if we look at this subject from the standpoint of the material and financial alone, the system of outside maintenance has to a great degree been our salvation. It would have been utterly impossible for this Grand Lodge to maintain four hundred and sixty-six people in the former manner at the Home. We could not possibly finance such a programme without levying a per capita tax of at least five dollars, and we are all well aware that such an amount would be prohibitive. We desire to call the attention of the Fraternity to the average cost of one dollar and thirty cents per day for Masonic Home Institutional Charity in all Grand Jurisdictions, as compared to thirty-two cents per day for the method of outside maintenance under which we now operate."

The address also contains instructive comments on the loss of members in the Jurisdiction and the Grand Secretary's report gives a comparative statement for the past 40 years showing how the gain or loss is arrived at. The gain was greatest in the years after the last war, but had been always on the right side until 1929 when loss commenced, reaching the greatest in 1933, and showing a loss of 201 in the last year.

"It is the conviction of the Grand Master that the time has come when we must use our Lecturers in a wider field of service. We must build, in this rapidly changing world, on broader foundations. For a number of years we have been steadily losing ground in numbers, and I fear influence. . . .

"It is evident that our knowledge of ritual has out-stripped by far our understanding and appreciation of the noble meaning and high destiny of Masonry. Our ability to recite ritual with exactness has surpassed our zeal for its higher values and dulled our comprehension of the truths presented. Whether we would have it so or not, we are faced with the fact that only about ten per cent. of our membership has any real interest in learning our ritual or time to become proficient in its performance. This leaves nearly ninety per cent. of our membership with the feeling, although it may never be articulated, that the investment by the Grand Lodge through its Lecture System does not touch their lives and has nothing of vital interest to offer them. We owe something to this large group of intelligent and serious minded brethren, and

we must endeavor to challenge them for the future of Masonry and rouse them to a sacred sense of its many values. Some of this group may be interested in the beauty of its symbolism, some in the depth of its philosophy, some in its romantic history, and still others may become especially interested in the charitable undertakings of the Fraternity. The Grand Master is definitely of the opinion that the Lecture System can help us and must help us to emerge from our indifference and lack of understanding and bring us into a day of larger usefulness."

To date there have been issued a total of 470 certificates to members who have been in good standing for a total of fifty years. Fifty-four of these certificates were issued in 1940.

The Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ira Parker, was in attendance.

It is with deep regret that we have to report that since the meeting of Grand Lodge, the death of Most Worshipful John Thomas Peeler, Past Grand Master and chairman of the Committee on Correspondence. Most Worshipful Brother Peeler died on February 11th, 1941, at Nashville, Tennessee.

M.W. Bro. Samuel H. Cooper was elected Grand Master and R.W. Bro. Thomas Earl Doss was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba are favorably reviewed.

Lodge membership 35,890. Loss 201.

TEXAS, 1940—

The 105th Annual Communication was held in the City of Waco, on December 4th. M.W. Bro. Leo Hart, Grand Master, presiding. R.W. Bro. Max Strang delivered a very fine address emphasizing on the the Grand Master's slogan, "Masonry Day by Day".

The Grand Master's address is interesting and demonstrates his sound judgment in carrying out the many duties of his office. His monthly letters to the D.D.G.M.'s and W.M.'s is something new to the reviewer and we hope they will produce the good results they deserve. Many dispensations were applied for, and from those granted we cull the following:

18. Ganado Lodge No. 1055, Ganado, Texas, to hold a meeting on the 3800 acre pasture of Sam Heard, near the town of Louise, Texas, and under the Jurisdiction of Ganado Lodge No. 1055, for the purpose of conferring a Master's Degree, on June 17th, 1940.

27. Crane Lodge No. 1262, Crane, Texas, to hold a meeting on a hill near Crane, Texas, for the purpose of conferring a Master's Degree on the evening of August 17, 1940.

43. Rogers Lodge No. 602, Rogers, Texas, to hold a special meeting on the Thomas and Ratliff Ranch about four miles from the town of Rogers on the night of August 13, 1940, and for the purpose of conferring a Master's Degree.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence does not agree with the Meetings in the open.

Your Committee has given careful consideration to each of these dispensations, each of them being of like import—the conferring of a Masonic Degree, in the open, in pastures, or on a hill, and make the following report:

In Grand Lodge Proceedings of 1934, page 191 under the heading—"Dispensations to Meet in Open," a Committee of this Grand Lodge reported as follows:

"We note that Grand Master granted dispensation in one instance, and, failing to find authorization in law, refused requests from four other Lodges, and submits the question for a ruling as to whether or not Masonic Lodge meetings for the purpose of conferring of degrees could be held in the open.

"Replying, your Committee concedes that in the remote past expediency may have justified holding such meetings in the open, but in this day of sky-scrapers, and powerful binoculars, and aeroplanes, we do not believe that the open spaces constitute a safe and secure location as contemplated by Masonic Law."

This portion of the report of the Committee was unanimously adopted by Grand Lodge, giving same the force and effect of an edict of this Grand Lodge, and denying to Grand Master the power of granting a dispensation to confer Masonic degrees in the open, such as in pastures, or on hilltops, or in any place other than a proper and suitable building.

It is therefore the opinion of this Committee that said dispensations, reported under Nos. 18, 27 and 43, were not in accord with Masonic Law, and should not have been granted, and we offer the following resolution:

“RESOLVED that the granting of the aforesaid dispensations be, and the same is hereby, disapproved.”

Fraternally submitted,

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HIRAM F. LIVELY,
JAMES W. McCLENDON,
G. A. BRANDT,

W. MARCUS WEATHERED,
JOHN T. RICE,
GUINN WILLIAMS,
Committee on Masonic
Jurisprudence.

Under “Decisions” the following is a new one to this Committee:

Decision No. 17:

Where a Master-elect of a Lodge is compelled to be out of the State during time provided by the Law for Installation the question was asked if he could be installed by telephone.

HELD: Art. 334 of our Masonic Laws provides that all elected Officers shall be installed in person. Hence, it is not permissible to instal such an officer by long dstance telephone.

From the statement of membership it is interesting to note that Texas has a net increase in membership of 2,173, a total membership of 100,618 and 896 Lodges.

Bro. George W. Truett, delivered an inspiring address and lack of space prevents us from printing same. Bro. J. W. Pender represented Manitoba as Grand Representative. The Grand Orator, Bro. Wm. H. Duls, delivered a timely address on the subject “Masonry’s Obligation to Youth.”

The report on Foreign Correspondence is submitted by M.W. Bro. W. M. Fly, P.G.M. Manitoba, 1940, received fraternal treatment.

UTAH, 1940—

The 69th Annual Communication was held in Salt Lake City, on September 23rd, 1940. M.W. Bro. William Littlejohn, Grand Master, presiding. Representatives of 23 of the 26 Lodges of the Jurisdiction and fourteen Past Grand Masters were in attendance. The Grand Master reviewed many invitations and from those accepted we quote the following:

"Tuesday, November 21, 1939, I accepted the invitation and attended Argenta No. 3, Old Timer's Night. Argenta has a long list of Old Timers with membership of 20 years or more, and among them are many Past Masters still very active in Lodge work. Needless to say, I enjoyed the evening very much, renewing acquaintances made in 1920, when Argenta held a coal men's night and invited me in from Carbon Lodge No. 16 to preside in the East. All the offices were occupied by Masons connected in some way or other with the coal business. Two M.M.'s were raised, both active as auditors in a coal company office in Salt Lake City. Past Master E. Roy Gibson occupied the West."

Two cornerstones were laid and a Masonic Hall was dedicated. The Grand Secretary reports 26 Lodges with a membership of 4,516, and an expenditure of \$6,155.60 for charitable purposes.

The Masonic Reviews were presented by M.W. Bro. Sam Goodwin, P.G.M. Manitoba for 1939 being included.

VERMONT, 1939—

One Hundred and Forty-sixth Annual Communication, Burlington, June 14th and 15th. Grand Master Presiding,

M.W. Charles F. Dalton. Grand Master Elected, M.W. Charles F. Dalton. Grand Secretary, M.W. Archie S. Harriman. Lodges 103. Members 16,592. Loss 316.

Grand Representative of Manitoba not present.

Distinguished visitors were present from Quebec, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Hampshire and New Jersey.

In his address the Grand Master pointed out the healthy condition of Masonry in spite of a loss in membership which he attributes to a by-product of the troublesome times through which we are passing, it is the spirit of Masonry rather than numbers that tell the story.

A healthy sign is the visitation of Lodges between towns, districts and Jurisdictions.

In his address the Grand Master emphasized the need of a Declaration of Principles as follows:

For some years there has been a recognized need of some official statement of Masonic principles, not for publication but for the better understanding of Masons of their own institution. At the annual session of the Grand Masters this year a declaration was presented, which after consideration by a committee and thorough discussion by the conference was approved for submission to the Grand Jurisdictions to use as they saw fit. It was at once adopted by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts on recommendation of Grand Master Perry and has since been adopted by several other Grand Lodges, while still others are proposing to act upon it at their annual communications.

I have studied this Declaration of Principles and believe it to be a true statement of the nature, objectives and methods of Freemasonry. I therefore submit it to you at this time with the recommendation that the Grand Lodge of Vermont fall in line with other jurisdictions and adopt this as our own:

Freemasonry is a charitable, benevolent, educational and religious society. Its principles are proclaimed as widely as men will hear. Its only secrets are in its methods of recognition and of symbolic instruction.

It is charitable in that it is not organized for profit and none of its income inures to the benefit of any individual, but all is devoted to the promotion of the welfare and happiness of mankind.

It is benevolent in that it teaches and exemplifies altruism as a duty.

It is educational in that it teaches by prescribed ceremonials a system of morality and brotherhood based upon the Sacred Law.

It is religious in that it teaches monotheism, the Volume of the Sacred Law is open upon its altars whenever a Lodge is in session, reverence for God is ever present in its ceremonial, and to its brethren are constantly addressed lessons of morality; yet it is not sectarian or theological.

It is a social organization only so far as it furnishes additional inducement that men may forgather in numbers, thereby providing more material for its primary work of education, of worship and of charity.

Through the improvement and strengthening of the charter of the individual man, Freemasonry seeks to improve the community. Thus it impresses upon its members the principles of personal righteousness and personal responsibility, enlightens them as to those things which make for human welfare, and inspires them with that feeling of charity, or good will, toward all mankind which will move them to translate principle and conviction into action.

To that end, it teaches and stands for the worship of God; truth and justice; fraternity and philanthropy; and enlightenment and orderly liberty, civil, religious and intellectual. It charges each of its members to be true and loyal to the government of the country to which he owes allegiance and to be obedient to the law of any state in which he may be.

It believes that the attainment of these objectives is best accomplished by laying a broad basis of principle upon which men of every race, country, sect and opinion may unite rather than by setting up a restricted platform upon which only those of certain races, creeds and opinions can assemble.

Believing these things, this Grand Lodge affirms its continued adherence to that ancient and approved rule of Freemasonry which forbids the discussion in Masonic meetings of creeds, politics, or other topics likely to excite personal animosities.

It further affirms its conviction that it is not only contrary to the fundamental principles of Freemasonry, but dangerous to its unity, strength, usefulness and welfare, for Masonic Bodies to take action or attempt to exercise pressure or influence for or against

any legislation, or in any way to attempt to procure the election or appointment of governmental officials, or to influence them, whether or not members of the Fraternity, in the performance of their official duties. The true Freemason will act in civil life according to his individual judgment and the dictates of his conscience.

Apart from the regular Communication an Emergent Communication was held at White River Junction, October 19th, 1938, in order to perform Masonic burial rites over one of Vermont's oldest Past Grand Masters, M.W. Olin W. Daley, where committal service was conducted by the Grand Lodge.

In presenting the reports of the Foreign Correspondence, Manitoba received very generous and careful consideration by M.W. Archie S. Harriman, P.G.M., Grand Secretary.

VERMONT, 1940—

The 149th Annual Communication was held at Burlington, on June 12th, 1940. M.W. Bro. Charles F. Dalton, Grand Master, presiding.

From the Grand Master's address we find that he believes that the spirit of Masonry is nowhere better shown than in the interchange of visitations between Grand Lodges and between subordinate Lodges. He attended all district meetings.

MASONIC CHARITY

"There has not been as much inquiry on matters of Masonic charity as was reported a year ago. Whether this means that there is less call for assistance or whether the cases have been settled without reference to the Grand Master, I do not know. There are apparently some chronic cases which continue from year to year, presenting problems which require much common sense and good judgment to handle. The Masonic fraternity is not a charitable organization, although there seems to be a definite

opinion to the contrary among many non-Masons. Charity, however, is one of the basic principles of our institution, and as such must be observed in the case of poor and needy brothers. The dispensing of charity is both an art and a science which the inexperienced find difficult to learn and the Masters of Masonic Lodges are usually in the inexperienced class. They know they should practice charity, but to what extent is often a problem. I have no formula to present which will be applicable in all cases. There probably is no such formula, but certain factors should always govern decisions on the subject. First of all comes the question, "Is he a distressed, worthy brother, or is he using his Lodge membership to obtain benefits to which he is not entitled?" Then comes the investigation as to whether he has other means of support which lessen the responsibility of the Lodge; should the Lodge undertake the entire support of a brother, or pay the whole amount of expense in an emergency. Finally, the question is often asked, "Can the Lodge afford it?" This question should not usually be considered. If a certain charity is clearly indicated, it is incumbent upon the lodge to find some means of fulfilling its duty. The Grand Lodge, wisely I believe, leaves matters of charity to the Subordinate Lodge, and it is a very rare occasion when any action on its part is questioned. The Grand Lodge only asks for a report and then reimburses the Lodge for all payments over one dollar per capita. With this provision I believe every Lodge can carry out its obligations, after fraternal, impersonal and mature judgment has been used in making the decision."

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is submitted by M.W. Bro. Archie S. Harriman, P.G.M., Grand Secretary; Manitoba for 1939, being fraternally reviewed.

VICTORIA (AUSTRALIA), 1940—

Quarterly Communications were held at Melbourne, on March 20th, June 19th, September 18th and December 18th.

V.W. Bro. E. J. Carter, P.P.B.B., was in attendance as Grand Representative for Manitoba.

From the March Report of the Board of General Purposes we quote the following:

"The Board has granted permission to wear suitable clothing during the summer months to Lodges meeting in the warmer parts of the State. Such clothing to comprise a white tropical coat fastened up to the neck, black dress trousers, shoes, socks, white gloves and apron."

The Grand Secretary reports a membership of 52,063, a gain of 889 for the year 1939. M.W. Bro. W. H. Byrne was re-elected as Grand Master for a second time.

From his address we quote the following:

"I feel it not inappropriate that I should now make some allusion to the darkening and sinister aspect of world affairs today. At our Jubilee installation in March last year I made reference to Britain as the guardian of the peace of the world—since then unhappily that peace has been ruthlessly and barbarously violated. The very existence of several small nations has practically ended—their people, or what is left of them, impoverished, persecuted and enslaved. There can be no shadow of doubt, however, that grave as the position has been and still is, we are on the eve of happenings of greater magnitude and more frightful character than anything we have yet known.

"The powers of evil are arrayed in formidable strength of man power, armed and equipped with every devilish device and cunning treacherous scheme and plan that fiendish minds can contrive ready to be launched under leaders without scruple or moral restraint of any kind. Prepared to oppose them are the magnificent forces of Right and Justice under the banners of our Great Empire and her gallant ally France, whose leaders, however, are unlike their opponents, restrained by their obligations to honor the rights of small neutral countries and their own sense of chivalry.

"One great factor we have on our side is the Incomparable and Unconquerable British Navy.

"We shall eventually win because God must be on the side of Right and Justice.

"But we must not delude ourselves that victory will be easily achieved. The struggle will be Titanic and may be of long duration. We may expect reverses from time to time. Under such circumstances it is necessary that every citizen of the Empire should give all the support of which he is capable to the winning

of the conflict. It is the duty, therefore, of every citizen of this country to do so, for we are all citizens of the Empire and should be proud of it. As Freemasons we should be examples of loyal citizenship because of what we are taught and profess.

"I cannot presume to tell you all that a loyal citizen should do, but I can suggest what is the least that each one of us can and should do: that is to refrain from and actively discourage and discountenance all carping and uninformed criticism of those who are burdened with the awful responsibility of guiding our destiny in this life and death struggle for our existence. We should have faith. We should show courage and fortitude in all circumstances. Cheerfully bear all burdens that may fall upon us in the course of events.

"Notwithstanding the grave outlook let us whilst facing our responsibility still be not without hope that God may end the awful conflict sooner than seems at present possible and that ere long we may be rejoicing on the overthrow of our enemies and on the establishment of a lasting peace.

"I leave with you one last reminder of our pledge of loyalty to the King and our obligation to 'Be faithful to God, our country and our laws.' "

The reviews of the Proceedings of Grand Jurisdictions were prepared by the Grand Representative of each Jurisdiction reviewed. Manitoba was not represented in the reviews.

VIRGINIA, 1940—

The 162nd Annual Communication was held in the City of Richmond, on February 13th, 1940. M.W. Bro. Judge Kneadham S. Turnbull Jr., Grand Master presiding.

Bro. Lynwood P. Harrell represented Manitoba.

The Grand Master intimated that he made many visits during the year and he visited every district during his term as Grand Master. He is to be congratulated on his activities during the year.

Among the many dispensations issued was one to all Lodges in District No. 35, to take a trip to Bermuda, and while on the island of Bermuda, to confer the first three Degrees according to Virginia Ritual upon Virginia candidates. The agreement to do so would be obtained from the Grand Lodge in order to allow them to confer degrees in Bermuda.

Four Lodges consolidated during the year. The Endowment Committee reports that during the year legacies and cash donations turned over to the Treasurer of the Home, as a result of their Golden Anniversary Appeal, amount to the sum of \$45,851.13, bringing the total amount of cash in our Endowment Fund at the present time to \$152,261.61; not to say anything of the \$44,000,000 in endowment life insurance policies which have been secured by the committee from various lodges, which form a part of the Endowment Fund. Your committee feels certain that since its organization more than \$500,000,000 has been written into wills by members of the fraternity in the State of Virginia, which will ultimately come to the Endowment Fund.

The reports of the D.D.G.M.'s make interesting reading and have evidently greatly assisted the Grand Master during his year of office.

From the comparatively small number of lodges and membership we find that they have 330 lodges with a membership of 38,740.

The report of the committee on Fraternal Correspondence is submitted by R.W. Bro. James M. Clift, Grand Secretary, in which Manitoba, 1939, is Fraternally reviewed.

WASHINGTON, 1940—

The Eighty-third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Washington, Free and Accepted Masons was convened in Bellingham, on June 18th, 1940.

M.W. Grand Master C. P. Kirkland presided. The Financial Report is submitted by the Grand Secretary. M.W. Bro. H. W. Tyler gives a very satisfactory grand balance of \$77,977.31 on hand. They do not appear to have an office of Grand Treasurer.

Thirty-one members received the 50 year veteran certificates during the year and it is noted that of these two were raised in Canadian Lodges.

A report is recorded in the proceedings of Research Lodge, No. 281. There are a number of Research Lodges in England, Scotland and Ireland. In the United States there are only four, one each in New York, North Carolina, Oregon and Washington. There is a substantial field for Masonic Research in America. The programme is in its infancy as Masonic students become more familiar with this field of Masonic work, it is expected that Research Lodges will be authorized and formed in other Grand Jurisdictions.

M.W. Bro. W. Gale Matthews responding to the address given to Past Grand Masters, in part said:

"Wor. Sirs, there is need in this Grand Jurisdiction, as there is need throughout the world, for leaders. And there are no men better qualified to serve as leaders in their respective communities than the Masters, Wardens, the Past-Masters, the appointive officers, the members of the constituent Lodges of Masons."

The Report of the Grand Historian, M.W. Bro. Walter F. Meier who was absent through illness, was read by Wor. Bro. Ronald Meier, covers some 26 pages well worth reading. It is the history of the Masonic Moral Mandates of the Grand Lodge of Washington since its formation and only space forbids the quotation of many interesting and instructive passages.

M.W. Bro. Matthew W. Hill was elected Grand Master for the year 1940-41, and in closing Grand Lodge said in part:

"I find an antagonism in many Lodges towards Grand Lodge, a feeling that comes from the days when the only contact was with someone who was critical of something that they were doing, and they got the idea that Grand Lodge existed solely for the purpose of coming in to criticize.

"Brethren, Grand Lodge does not just exist for the purpose of coming in to criticize. The Grand Lodge and the Grand Master and his officers are here for the purpose of helping. They are here for the purpose of trying to help you build a programme that will be attractive, that will be educational, that will be instructive, that will be inspirational to the members of your Lodge."

The 1939 Communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba was fraternally reviewed.

Past Grand Master Bro. Alonzo E. Emerson, Ellensburg No. 39, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, was present.

Number of Master Masons, 39,420. Number of Lodges, 268; Net loss for year, 360.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA, 1940—

The Grand Lodge of Western Australia follows the English custom of holding Quarterly Communications.

The Annual Communication of Grand Lodge was held at Perth, on May 23rd, 1940. The most Worshipful the Grand Master, Dr. J. B. Battye, presided.

There are 9,953 members (an increase of 155) in the 158 Lodges in this Jurisdiction.

The Quarterly Communications may have some desirable features. As an example, the business of Grand Lodge is not allowed to accumulate for twelve months. The reports of the different committees are necessarily brief and perhaps cover fewer subjects.

The Grand Inspector of Workings, supervises the constituent Lodges who is assisted by District Grand Inspectors of Workings, all of whom are appointed by the Grand Master. Their duties appear to be similar to those of our District Deputy Grand Masters.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is prepared by R.W. Bro. James W. E. Archdeacon, P.S.G.W. It is an excellent commentary as he is well posted in Masonry and might well be used by some of our study clubs. Manitoba for 1939 being fraternally reviewed.

WEST VIRGINIA, 1940—

The 76th Annual Communication was held in Parkersburg, on October 16th, 1940. Most Worshipful Bro. Robert S. Lemon, Grand Master, presiding. 13 Past Grand Masters were present at this Communication with the representatives from 161 of the 164 Chartered Lodges in the State.

The Grand Master reports having travelled more than 12,000 miles in carrying out his many duties during the year. Five cornerstones were laid during the year.

Fraternal Correspondence has been established with the National Grand Lodge of Denmark, the Grand Lodge of Sweden, the Grand Lodge Alpina of Switzerland and the Grand Lodge of Tasmania. There are 165 Lodges with a membership of 28,981.

M.W. Bro. Lewis N. Taverner, P.G.M., the veteran reviewer presented the report on Foreign Correspondence. Manitoba for 1939 being fraternally reviewed.

WISCONSIN, 1940—

The 96th Annual Communication was opened in Ample Form in Milwaukee, on June 11th, 1940. M.W. Bro. George F. Lounsbury, Grand Master, presiding.

The Grand Master delivered a businesslike address which is interesting and informative. He is a believer in the candidates being placed in the care of a well informed brother for teaching as to the real meaning and purpose of Masonry, of its history, its legend and the symbolism of the ritual.

Regarding Grand Officers, visits, and with the object of bringing the Grand Lodge closer to the Craft, he instituted a plan of systematic visitation of the Lodges by Grand Lodge officers and the results of those visits were found to be most gratifying.

Freemasonry in this Jurisdiction is making progress and the Grand Master thinks that we may be moving toward a period of very large accessions to our membership as we did twenty years ago, and admonished the Masons and Wardens to exercise the greatest care in selecting applicants.

Life membership has evidently been worrying some of the Lodges owing to incomes shrinking, and a Committee set up to look into this matter has done a great deal of investigating according to their report and more will be heard about this question.

There are 308 Lodges with a membership of 51,551.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is prepared by M.W. Bro. Frank Jenks, P.G.M. Manitoba for 1939, is given an excellent review.

WYOMING, 1940—

The Sixty-sixth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge was held at Worland, August 26th and 27th. Most Wor. William J. Haines, Grand Master, and R.W. Joseph M. Lowndes, Grand Secretary, officiating.

In the proceedings a very interesting report is given of a special Communication of Grand Lodge held on July 4th, 1940, at Independence Rock, Wyoming, commemorating the seventy-eighth anniversary of the First Masonic meeting held on the old Oregon Trail in the Rocky Mountain region. On the 4th of July, 1862, twenty masons opened a Lodge on the top of Independence Rock while trekking westward and on this present occasion the same Holy Bible was opened on the altar as had rested there seventy-eight years ago. This commemorative gathering is held every tenth year.

Question No. 10, in the decisions, raised an interesting point. "Can we receive and act upon a petition of a retired United States navy man, who has now been called into active service and is stationed here in the recruiting service? He has only been here since October 29th, 1939 (less than six months, but has held civil service appointment in Yellowstone National Park since May 17th, 1937. He would like to get his work at once if elected." The Grand Master's decision was that the petition could not be accepted as the code of Wyoming Grand Lodge held that only to "Commissioned officers, or non-commissioned officers or enlisted men in the army of the United States", length of residence did not apply. At the present session the code was amended by adding, "Navy and Marine Corps" after the word army in section 435.

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence is given by the Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. Joseph M. Lowndes, and the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, 1939, receives special mention. R.W. Bro. Hugh M. Kerr is commended on his reports of Grand Lodges and a lengthy quotation of his review of British Columbia is given.

The Finances of the Grand Lodge are in a prosperous state. Total Membership, June 1940, is 7,805. Net Gain for year 33. No. of Lodges 50. The Grand Lodge meets at Rock Springs, in 1941. August 25th and 26th. M.W. Conrad Johnston, Grand Master. R.W. Joseph M. Lowndes, Grand Secretary.

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